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Ethnic tension in Sind has subsided

By Ashraf Shah

ETHNIC tension has subsided considerably in Sind since the Pakistan People's Party came into power, the chief minister of the province has said.

Syed Qayem Ali Shah has also expressed satisfaction over the law and order situation in the province.

Shah was speaking to Arab Times in Jeddah last week. He accompanied Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto during her recent visit to Saudi Arabia.

Shah said an accord between the PPP and the Muhajir Qaumi Movement (MQM), which won 13 seats in the National Assembly and 26 seats in the Sind assembly in the recent elections in Pakistan, has helped in defusing ethnic tension in the province.

He said the ruling PPP is sincere in implementing each article of the agreement.

Prevail

On violence in Karachi, Shah said there are some people who do not want a peaceful atmosphere to prevail and are trying to disrupt law and order to embarrass the government. He hoped the situation will improve and people will abandon "ethnic thinking."

Shah categorically denied Pakistani press reports that the provincial government has decided to declare a general amnesty for robbers in Sind. He said such miscreants would be tried according to law. But he said his government would not refer their cases to the special courts set up during the late President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq.

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WEATHER

CLOUDS will increase gradually with moderate south-easterly wind, may freshen at times and a chance for scattered rain.

State of sea: moderate to rough

High water: 6.35 am, 6.00 pm

Low water: 12.50 pm

Sunrise: 6.43 am

Sunset: 5.12 pm

Maximum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 12°C 54°F

Ahmed: 11°C 52°F

Falaka: 11°C 52°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 6°C 43°F

Ahmed: 5°C 41°F

Falaka: 4°C 39°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 15°C 59°F

Ahmed: 13°C 55°F

Falaka: 13°C 55°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 56 per cent

Ahmed: 52 per cent

Falaka: 65 per cent

Bangladesh's worst rail disaster

120 killed in head-on train collision

MAIZDI KHAN, Bangladesh, Jan 15, (Agencies): An express passenger train, carrying pilgrims to a religious festival collided head-on with a mail train in central Bangladesh today, killing at least 120 in this country's worst railroad accident, authorities said.

As many as 1,000 people were injured, many of them critically, police and railway officials said.

Both the trains were packed with passengers.

The government immediately appointed a commission to investigate the crash, but some railway officials said operators may not have known how to properly work a signalling system installed last week.

Urm, the express train, headed for the southern port city of Chittagong, and the Dhaka-bound mail slammed into each other outside the village of Maizdi Khan, near Pubail, according to Communications Secretary Manzoor Karim.

Wreckage

Soldiers helped police, fire officials and villagers pull 100 bodies from the twisted wreckage, according to a senior railway official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hundreds of injured were taken to hospitals at Tongi, nine kilometres (five miles) to the north, and at Dhaka, 35 kilometres (22 miles) to the south, said Communications Minister Anwar Hussain. At least 10 of the injured later died, he said.

Hospital staff drove through the streets of Dhaka appealing through loudspeakers for residents to donate blood urgently.

ty needed at the overcrowded medical facilities.

"Hundreds of bodies were lined up on both sides of the two shattered trains," said Syed Sirajul Haq, a businessman from Chittagong who suffered minor injuries in the crash.

"The cries of the injured for help and people looking desperately for their dear ones accompanying them made me cry. It was so pathetic," he said.

Thousands of people gathered around the twisted wreckage of the four cars thrown off the rails, which cut across an expanse of freshly-harvest rice paddies.

Rescue

Moments after the accident, about 250 Army soldiers holding winter exercises nearby arrived to rescue those trapped inside the wreckage and to help remove the injured for treatment.

"I saw coaches flying up to 15 feet (three metres) as the collision occurred," said one soldier, who did not want to be identified. "It was a terrible scene with hundreds of passengers — men, women and children — shouting for help."

The accident occurred on the second day of a three-day religious gathering at Tongi, attended by hundreds of thousands of Muslims from 42 countries. The event — the Biswa Ejtima or world congregation — is the Islamic world's second largest gathering.

Hundreds of those involved in the crash were travelling to Tongi for the event, railway officials said.

Karim estimated at least 2,000 people were travelling on the two trains. But he said many people were believed to be riding on the roofs of the trains and in between cars.

The trains collided at 7:30 am (0230 GMT), he said. The 10-car express train was travelling at about 80 kilometres (50 miles) an hour, while the smaller, seven-car mail train was coming to a halt, other officials said.

"I just don't remember anything. It was a big jolt and minutes later I found myself trapped inside a tilted coach," said Kohinoor Begum, 40, as she waited for treatment at Dhaka's Pangu (disabled) Hospital.

Both trains apparently came on the same track because operators were unfamiliar with a signalling system installed on Jan 10, said one senior railway official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Human failure and wrong signalling may have caused the two trains to come on the same track, leading to the collision," said the official.

Signal

The official Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha news agency said the driver of the mail train had been incorrectly told to proceed beyond Tongi, even though the tracks should have been clear for the express train.

The news agency reported the driver saw the oncoming express train and managed to slow his train before the locomotives collided.

The news agency said it was unclear whether workers at the railway control room had dispatched the wrong signal to the mail train.

Jamil Ahmed, general manager of Bangladesh Railways, said the fault could have lain in a Norwegian-designed digital switching system that began working on Friday along the

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People gather around damaged railway coaches and engines after the worst train accident in Bangladesh. (Reuters wirephoto)

US-PLO dialogue will continue at present level

KUWAIT, Jan 15, (Agencies): A senior PLO official said the organisation's dialogue with the United States will continue at the present level after President-elect George Bush takes office.

PLO's central committee member, Khaled Al Hassan, ruled out the participation of high-ranking US personalities "at this phase... before reaching full and common understanding on major issues."

Al Hassan told a local daily: "The aim of this dialogue is to explore and understand the real US ideas, opinions and trends."

The United States and the PLO opened talks in Tunis on Dec 16 after PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat met Washington's two conditions, renouncing terrorism and recognising Israel's right to exist.

Washington's Ambassador to Tunisia, Robert Pelletreau, Jr, was named to carry on the talks with PLO executive committee member Yasser Abd Rabboni. Al Hassan said the current dialogue will continue at the same level.

Al Hassan reiterated an Arab call for a United Nations-sponsored Middle East conference "as the only way for a comprehensive settlement in the region."

Visit

Meanwhile, Arafat's chief spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, said he did not rule out the possibility of upgrading the level of contacts between the PLO and the British government.

Abu Sharif in an interview

with another Kuwaiti daily said that Arafat will be extended an invitation from the British government to visit the United Kingdom.

Abu Sharif described Arafat's meeting with the British Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, William Waldegrave, as "very positive concerning all topics we discussed."

Waldegrave and Arafat met in Tunisia last Friday in the first British-PLO direct contact in 13 years.

Waldegrave urged Israel yesterday to recall the guerrilla past of some of its founding fathers and accept that Palestinians could also abandon violence. Waldegrave referred to Israeli

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Two Arabs die as strike paralyses held areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 15, (Reuters): Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank shot dead a Palestinian teenager today and a Gaza youth died of his wounds as Arabs throughout the occupied territories staged a general strike in protest at Israeli rule.

As the casualty toll mounted in the 13-month-old uprising — troops were reported to have wounded eight Palestinian protesters today — a government minister demanded a review of the Army's use of such arms as plastic bullets.

"I raised the issue of the morality of using those elements. It should be discussed in a more thorough way," Energy Minister Moshe Shaleh, a member of the Labour Party, told reporters after the weekly cabinet meeting.

Revolt

Shaleh said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir agreed to hold a cabinet debate on the issue soon.

"We are not happy about the large number of casualties, of course. The policy will be looked at and considered," said Ehud Olmert, minister-without-port-

folio in Shamir's right-wing Likud party.

At least 365 Arabs and 14 Jews have died in the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Doctors who regularly treat Palestinians wounded in clashes with the Army say the supposedly non-lethal plastic bullets have killed and maimed dozens of people since they were introduced six months ago.

Clash

In the West Bank, Mohammed Rushdi Abush, 18, was shot in the chest during a clash with troops at the Far'a Palestinian refugee camp and was dead on arrival at a local hospital, doctors said.

Ziad Ahmed Rahwan, 17, from Rafah in the Gaza Strip, died in an Israeli hospital after being shot by soldiers yesterday.

Shops closed and public transport came to a halt in the occupied territories as Palestinians observed a strike called by underground leaders of the revolt to honour Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites.

Heart disease remains America's major killer

MONTEREY, California, Jan 15, (UPI): Death due to heart disease remains America's No. 1 killer, claiming a life every 32 seconds and totalling more deaths annually than those caused by cancer and AIDS combined, officials reported today.

The American Heart Association released its yearly statistics on cardiovascular disorders at the opening of its annual science writers conference, stressing death rates from some forms of heart disease are now on the decline.

But the agency also reported in its new 1989 summary that nearly 66 million Americans — more than one in four people in the population — suffer some form of cardiovascular disease, and almost one million people die annually of the heart disorders.

"Cancer and other diseases are a real threat," association officials wrote in the report titled "Heart Facts."

"But it's important to keep things in perspective. In 1986, about 466,000 Americans died of cancer."

"In 1987, there were over 11,000 American deaths reported

from AIDS... but the tragedy is compounded if Americans' attention is focused on these diseases at the expense of a disease that claims more (victims)," the report indicated.

An estimated 978,500 people died in the United States of cardiovascular disease in 1986, the most recent year for which statistics are available, twice as many as those who died of cancer.

Heart attack alone, according to the report, was responsible for 524,100 of the deaths due to cardiovascular disease while stroke accounted for 147,800. High blood pressure, rheumatic heart disease, congenital heart defects, congestive heart failure and other cardiovascular disorders accounted for the rest of the total.

Howard Lewis, a spokesman for the American Heart Association, said agency officials estimate someone dies of some form of heart disease in the US every 32 seconds.

But the report also showed that between 1976 and 1986 the death rate from coronary heart disease fell 27.9 per cent while that from stroke dropped 40.2 per cent.

Israelis panic

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 15, (Reuters): Hundreds of anxious Israelis called state-owned Israel Radio after hearing excerpts from a play which convinced them that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had committed suicide, the Hadashot daily reported today.

The radio aired a scene yesterday from a new play "The Leak," in which an announcer breaks into the narrative and says: "We are obliged to interrupt this broadcast as the prime minister has committed suicide."

Although the programme's presenter repeatedly stressed the bulletin was not genuine, hundreds of agitated listeners called the station asking for details, Hadashot said.

No fear of coup, says Benazir

LONDON, Jan 15, (KUNA): Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, has dismissed the idea that her government would be toppled by another military coup.

Benazir said some politicians had "begged" the Army to take over after the death of Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq in August last year in a mysterious air crash, but the armed forces had behaved "patriotically" and the election was held.

She said in a BBC radio interview today that her party's slim majority meant that her government had to proceed with caution.

The slim majority forced her People's Party to be "moderate", which she said was perhaps what Pakistan most needed.



Benazir

Afghanistan claims intrusion by Pakistan

MOSCOW, Jan 15, (Agencies): Afghanistan claimed yesterday that Pakistan had committed an "unprecedented act of aggression" by sending helicopters and a mechanised column across the border, Tass said.

"Two helicopters of the Pakistani Air Force intruded into Afghan air space and landed near the Ghaziabad farm in Nangarhar province. They brought a group of leaders of extremist organisations, foreign military advisers and high-ranking Pakistani officers to the area," Tass said.

Aggression

It said the incursion took place on Jan 9. Tass quoted the official Afghan news agency Bakhtar, which it said was distributing the report from the Afghan military command.

Tass said a Pakistani mechanised column reached the same area on the same day, "bringing

armed people, arms and ammunition." The Afghan military attacked, damaging or destroying the two helicopters and some armoured cars, it said.

"The Pakistani armed forces committed an unprecedented act of aggression against the republic of Afghanistan," Tass quoted the Afghan military command as saying.

Afghanistan and the Soviet Union repeatedly have accused the United States and Pakistan of violating the April 14 Geneva accords by continuing to supply the Afghan resistance.

Afghan rebel leader Sibghatullah Mojaddidi said his alliance plans to announce a provisional government within a month, the Saudi Arabian newspaper Okaz has reported.

Mojaddidi, spokesman for a coalition of seven Pakistan-based Afghan guerrilla groups, also said in an interview with Okaz that his group would not

object to the return of Afghanistan's deposed King, Zahir Shah.

Mojaddidi, who represented the mujahedeen at last week's deadlocked peace talks with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov, said he was shocked at the Soviet attitude to the guerrillas.

"We were taken by surprise by Vorontsov saying the mujahedeen only know war and bloodshed... he charged us with backwardness... all of which is unacceptable and illogical," he told Okaz.

Proper

Mojaddidi arrived in Tehran yesterday to attend an international seminar on Afghanistan sponsored by Iran.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati today told the seminar, the mujahedeen were the true representatives of the Afghan people.

"It is proper for the leaders of

the Soviet Union to show their good faith and accept the will of the Afghan nation in choosing their real representatives," he said.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has renewed Moscow's call for talks between the Kabul government and Afghan rebels, Kabul Radio reported.

Shevardnadze also told Afghan President Najibullah in talks in Kabul that Moscow would continue to back his government while seeking a solution.

The commander of Soviet forces in Afghanistan said in a television interview broadcast today that all his troops would leave the country on schedule by mid-February.

"By Feb 15 the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan will be completed entirely," Lieutenant-General Boris Gromov said.

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East-West negotiators agree on human rights and arms talks

VIENNA, Jan 15, (Reuters): East-West negotiators today adopted a package of ambitious proposals for new conventional arms reduction talks, improved human rights and greater economic co-operation in Europe.

Delegates to the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) approved a final document after more than two years of tough bargaining.

The document will be formally endorsed at a three-day meeting of all 35 foreign ministers in Vienna this week.

But agreement on the new arms talks nearly came to grief in a local row between NATO allies Greece and Turkey over just one small port on Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Wording
Athens insisted on including Mersin, the port Ankara used to launch its 1974 invasion of north Cyprus, while Turkey wanted it left out. After intense diplomatic activity in Vienna and Ankara, negotiators found a wording yes-

terday which deliberately left unclear whether Mersin was included.

The last-minute compromise cleared the way for foreign ministers, including the Soviet Union's Eduard Shevardnadze and outgoing US Secretary of State George Shultz, to wind up the CSCE from Jan 17 to 19.

The arms mandate will be incorporated into the CSCE final document, which has strengthened undertakings given by the United States, Canada and all Europe's states except Albania in the 1975 Helsinki accords.

At Vienna, the West has won promises of improved human rights from the East bloc and in return agreed to go to a Moscow human rights conference in 1991.

The only dissenting voice came from Romania which agreed to adopt the document but complained about several of the human rights provisions.

The Romanian delegation said their country would not feel bound to implement "those provisions to which Romania

does not agree or which it considers inadequate."

But Canada, backed by a number of other countries, said it considered provisions of the final text binding on all participants.

The way to final agreement was cleared yesterday when Turkey and Greece compromised in a dispute over whether a tiny piece of Turkish territory should be included in the arms talks.

The talks, covering an area over 10 times greater than the unsuccessful Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction (MBFR) negotiations they replace, were linked to the CSCE process to bring in France, which rejects negotiations between military blocs.

The CSCE final document also includes undertakings by governments to improve human rights and contacts in Europe that go well beyond those contained in the 1975 Helsinki final act, which began the CSCE process.

The proposals cover rights

such as freedom of religion, travel and information, including the right to listen to foreign broadcasts.

Saturday's accord on a mandate for fresh arms talks between the 23 NATO and Warsaw Pact states provided the final missing component needed to close the Vienna CSCE.

While Washington and Moscow have agreed to scrap all their intermediate nuclear weapons, the two military blocs have struggled for 15 years without success to agree conventional forces cuts at the MBFR negotiations.

The US chief delegate at the arms talks, Stephen Ledogar, said yesterday he hoped the new negotiations, likely to start on March 9, would achieve some early successes, unlike MBFR which is to be wound up.

NATO states say the real problem is that the Warsaw Pact has more troops and greater numbers of some conventional weapons, and this imbalance must be tackled if more nuclear arms are to be negotiated away.

Assad meets Indian team

DAMASCUS, Jan 15, (AP): Syrian President Hafez Assad met an Indian parliamentary delegation today and discussed regional issues and bilateral relations, the Syrian Arab News Agency reported.

The news agency said Assad met the Indian delegation headed by House Speaker Bal Ram Jakhar, who "conveyed the greetings" of his Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.

"The talks centred on the latest developments in the Middle East, friendly relations between both countries and on the necessity to develop and maintain these relations," the agency said.

SANA said Jakhar, who arrived in Damascus on Wednesday, affirmed his country's stand on "Arab issues especially India's support for the Palestinian question and its people's struggle to establish an independent state."

The Indian official also reiterated the necessity of holding a United Nations-sponsored Middle East conference to achieve a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Nancy Reagan

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (AP): As Nancy Reagan prepares to leave the pomp and pageantry of eight years in the White House, she wants to be remembered for her work against drug abuse rather than her penchant for borrowing high-priced, designer gowns.

Solution seen as gain for Armenians

Disputed territory comes under Moscow

MOSCOW, Jan 15, (Reuters): Soviet authorities have decided to put the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh under central control after nearly a year of ethnic clashes.

The solution was seen as partly satisfying Armenian demands in their dispute with Azerbaijan over the territory and could remove an impediment to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's Perestroika programme of economic and political reforms.

A decree issued yesterday and carried by the Tass news agency dissolves local government in the territory, the focus of 11 months of ethnic tension.

Control
At least 78 people have died in Armenia and Azerbaijan — on the Soviet Union's southern frontier. Forty-three were killed in the latest flare-up in November and December and tens of thousands fled their homes.

The decree, drawn up at a meeting last Thursday of the country's highest state body, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, places Nagorno-Karabakh under the control of a committee responsible to central authorities.

The committee, headed by special Kremlin envoy Arkady Volsky, is to assume full legislative and executive powers in addition to controlling virtually all aspects of day-to-day life — industry, administration, education and the media.

Volsky was sent to investigate the situation in the territory last summer and has denounced leaders of both Armenia and Azerbaijan for failing to halt the violence.

The measures, to go into effect on Jan 20, were described as temporary. But the decree did not say how long they would remain in force in the territory,

populated mainly by Armenians but run by Azerbaijan since 1923.

Placing Nagorno-Karabakh virtually under Moscow's control was seen as satisfying at least partly Armenian demands, though the territory at least nominally remains a part of Azerbaijan.

After Azerbaijan and then the Kremlin last year rejected Nagorno-Karabakh's calls to be transferred to Armenia, some Armenians suggested the territory could be run by the Russian federation, the largest of the 15 Soviet republics.

The decree also empowered Volsky's committee to dissolve public and independent organisations violating Soviet laws or the constitution.

This provision appeared aimed at the Karabakh committee, which has spearheaded the Armenian demands for the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Soviets plan huge telescope

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 15, (AP): The Soviet Union plans to put a huge telescope in orbit and to set up a biotechnology laboratory with an American chemical company, Soviet scientists say.

Vadim T. Ivanov, director of the Shemiak Institute for Bio-organic Chemistry, said today he plans to sign an agreement with the Monsanto Co., in St. Louis, to establish a biotechnology laboratory in the Soviet Union.

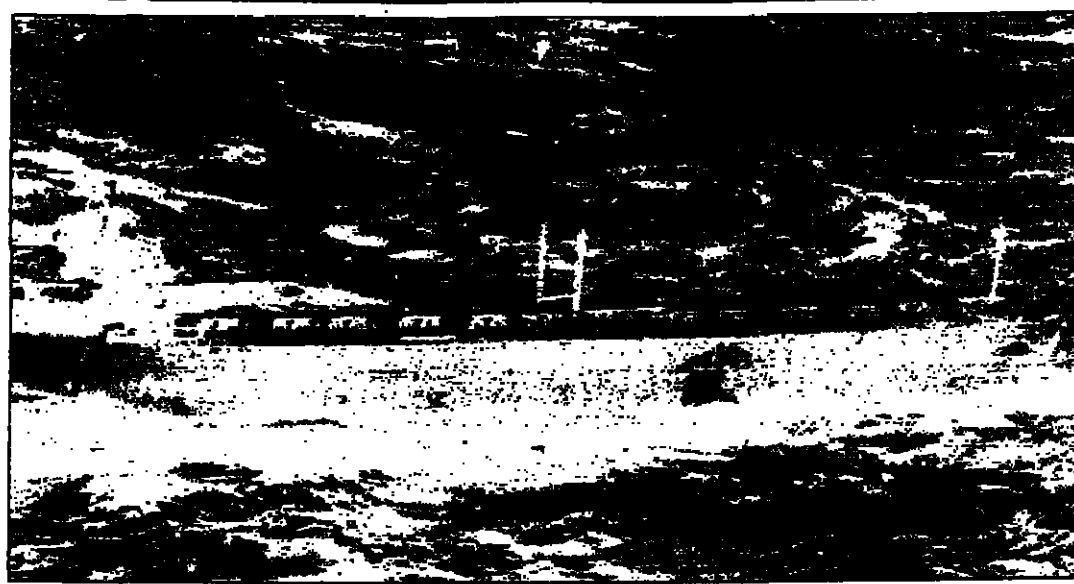
Ivanov is a member of a delegation of high-ranking Soviet researchers attending the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Research at the biotechnology laboratory would focus on nervous system biology, growth hormones to boost livestock production and help under-developed humans, and genetic engineering to make crops resist pests, drought, Ivanov said.

Hungarian premier

BUDAPEST, Jan 15, (AP): Hungarian Premier Miklos Nemeth has said revamping his country's stagnating economy is a long-term process marked by conflict and sacrifice, a newspaper reported today.

In a speech to party activists in Budapest yesterday, Nemeth also said his government would not revoke recent massive price hikes for food, energy and transportation that triggered large-scale protests from trade unions throughout Hungary, according to the weekly Vasarnapi Hírek.



Bulk carrier Yarrowonga drifts in hurricane force winds after its boiler failed west of the tip of England. (Reuters wirephoto)

US helicopters rescue 32 from storm-battered Cypriot freighter

SHANNON, Jan 15, (AP): Two US helicopters winched 32 people from the deck of a storm-battered Cypriot freighter in the North Atlantic yesterday and flew them to safety in Ireland.

The 42,000-ton Yarrowonga, gaping holes in both sides, was listing in heavy seas and 50 mph (80 kph) winds when one of the helicopters tried and failed to land on the deck, rescue organizers said.

The long-range HH 53C helicopters, based in Woodbridge-Bentwaters, eastern England, had flown to Shannon International Airport on Friday night and took off early yesterday for the flight of more than 200 miles (320 km) to the stricken vessel.

They were refuelled en route

by two long-range HC-130 Hercules tanker aircraft and reached the Yarrowonga at 2.15 pm (1415 GMT).

In little more than an hour, the first helicopter winched up 15 people and second aircraft hoisted 17 more up from the deck and headed back to Shannon, where the marine rescue co-ordinating centre had been monitoring their progress.

Ordeal
The West German master, his wife, the West German engineer and 29 Filipino seamen were declared in good condition after their two-day ordeal.

"This was a textbook rescue operation," said Maj. Ken Stafford, leader of the US rescue squad. "Everything went according to plan. All taken off the

stricken ship are in good health and none of them will need to be hospitalised."

As he and his wife stepped out of the rescue helicopter, the Yarrowonga's skipper, identified only as Capt. Pietersen, shook hands with Irish Marine Minister Brendan Daly and told him in heavy accented English: "We are very happy everything went well. It is great to be back on land."

Mission
The rest of the crew were driven away to hotels under strict orders not to speak publicly until all reports had been made, an unidentified airport official said. US Air Force Capt. David Freeman, said, "It is the most dangerous mission I've ever been on. But everything went well."

Prague riot police attack Wenceslas demonstrators

PRAGUE, Jan 15, (Reuters): Czechoslovak riot police attacked thousands of demonstrators with truncheons, dogs and water cannon in central Prague today.

They broke up a banned gathering to commemorate the suicide of Jan Palach 20 years ago.

Palach, a 20-year-old philosophy student, burnt himself alive on Jan 16, 1969 to protest against the 1968 Soviet-led invasion.

Riot police charged into the square when more than 1,000 people tried to move towards a statue of St Wenceslas where Palach killed himself.

Sealed off
The crowd fled down the length of the square, amid cries of "Gestapo," but about 800 reformers to sing the national anthem, only to be attacked again as they shouted "freedom, freedom, freedom."

More than a dozen people were dragged away by police. Access to the square, the scene

of a series of violently-curtailled demonstrations over the past five months, was largely sealed off by police who managed to prevent a far larger crowd from assembling.

Police, many with dogs on leashes, then charged into another 1,000 people gathered at the opposite end of the long square, using three massive water cannons to force them into side streets.

More than 20 police trucks, their blue lights flashing, rumbled through the square and police, armed with batons and tear gas, pushed back demonstrators in the side streets.

Several of those beaten by police were seen limping away and one of the injured called for an ambulance.

Official Czechoslovak media had given prominence to three anonymous threats that another student, imitating Palach, would set himself alight in the square this afternoon to shake the nation out of "political lethargy."

Pan Am crash probes looking into the alleged diamond-courier scheme

LONDON, Jan 15, (AP): Investigators pursuing the bombers of Pan Am's flight 103 are looking into the possibility that a US soldier may have unknowingly brought the bomb aboard the jetliner, a newspaper report said today.

The Sunday Express newspaper said British and US investigators were acting on US government reports that some US soldiers had been paid to take packages of diamonds to New York.

Flight 103, which originated in Frankfurt and was destined for New York after a stop in London, exploded in midair over Scotland on Dec 21, killing 270 people. Authorities said a bomb was placed in the area of the jetliner's front cargo hold.

Offered
The weekly newspaper reported that soldiers are being questioned about the alleged diamond-courier scheme, which it said had been going on for months before the flight 103 bombing.

The newspaper said US troops were approached in West German nightclubs and offered thousands of dollars to carry diamonds to New York.

"On the fatal flight, it is supposed a deadly Semtex parcel of death and destruction was handed over instead of diamonds," said the newspaper, without giving further details or identifying its sources.

Link
British officials have said that the bomb was probably made from Semtex, a difficult-to-detect, high-powered plastic explosive made in Czechoslovakia.

But a US Defence Department spokesman in Washington said late last night he had no information about the alleged diamond-courier scheme or a possible link to the flight 103 explosion.

"We don't have anything on that at all. We haven't been given any information like that," said the spokesman who asked not to be identified.

AIDS patient held
CAIRO, Jan 15, (Reuters): Egyptian officials detained a West German on arrival at Cairo airport today because he was suffering from AIDS, the Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

MENA said the man, who had previously been turned away from Manila airport for the same reason, would not be allowed entry to Egypt.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bulent Ecevit

ANKARA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, a national hero in 1974 for ordering troops to Cyprus, returned to mainstream politics today when he was elected head of the Democratic Left Party (DLP).

"Don't expect miracles from me... only the DLP can evaluate the left," Ecevit told party members before unanimous election to the post he quit last March after a general election defeat.

His return opens the way for possible co-operation between the DLP and the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) before municipal elections on March 26.

Solidarity

WARSAW, Jan 15, (Reuters): Poland's Communist Party will clear a way at a meeting starting tomorrow for its leaders to legalise the banned Solidarity trade union, party sources say.

But they add that Solidarity will not be immediately restored and might not eventually reappear as the mass movement that challenged communist rule in Poland before its suppression under martial law in 1981.

Italy probes

ROME, Jan 15, (Reuters): Italian Civil Aviation authorities said today they were checking a report that two unidentified warplanes tailed a foreign airliner over the Mediterranean.

Italian newspapers quoted Italian pilot Cesare Plantilli as saying the incident involved a Pan Am Boeing 747 and occurred about 75 km (45 miles) off the west coast of Sicily on Wednesday.

120 killed in head-on train collision

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affected railway line. "It might not have operated properly," Ahmed said of the system that eventually is to cost \$30 million and control all trains on the nation's 1,700 miles (2,700 km) of tracks. "We are checking up."

Witnesses said 10th diesel locomotives and the front two cars of each train were knocked off the tracks. Several bodies were thrown into the rice fields by the tracks, they said.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and top railway and government officials went to the accident scene to supervise the rescue operation.

Survived

"Oh, God. Give brother back," cried 25-year-old Sunil Daniel, whose brother Susanta was killed.

Marjina Begum, 35, survived the crash and searched frantically for the body of her 17-year-old son. Rimon Ahmed, a 15-year-old student, sat beside the mutilated corpse of his brother, which was packed in a sack.

"I shall not go home without him. What do I say to my parents?" he asked.

Prior to Sunday, the worst train crash in Bangladesh occurred on Jan 26, 1981, near the northern district of Chuadanga, killing at least 75 passengers by government count.

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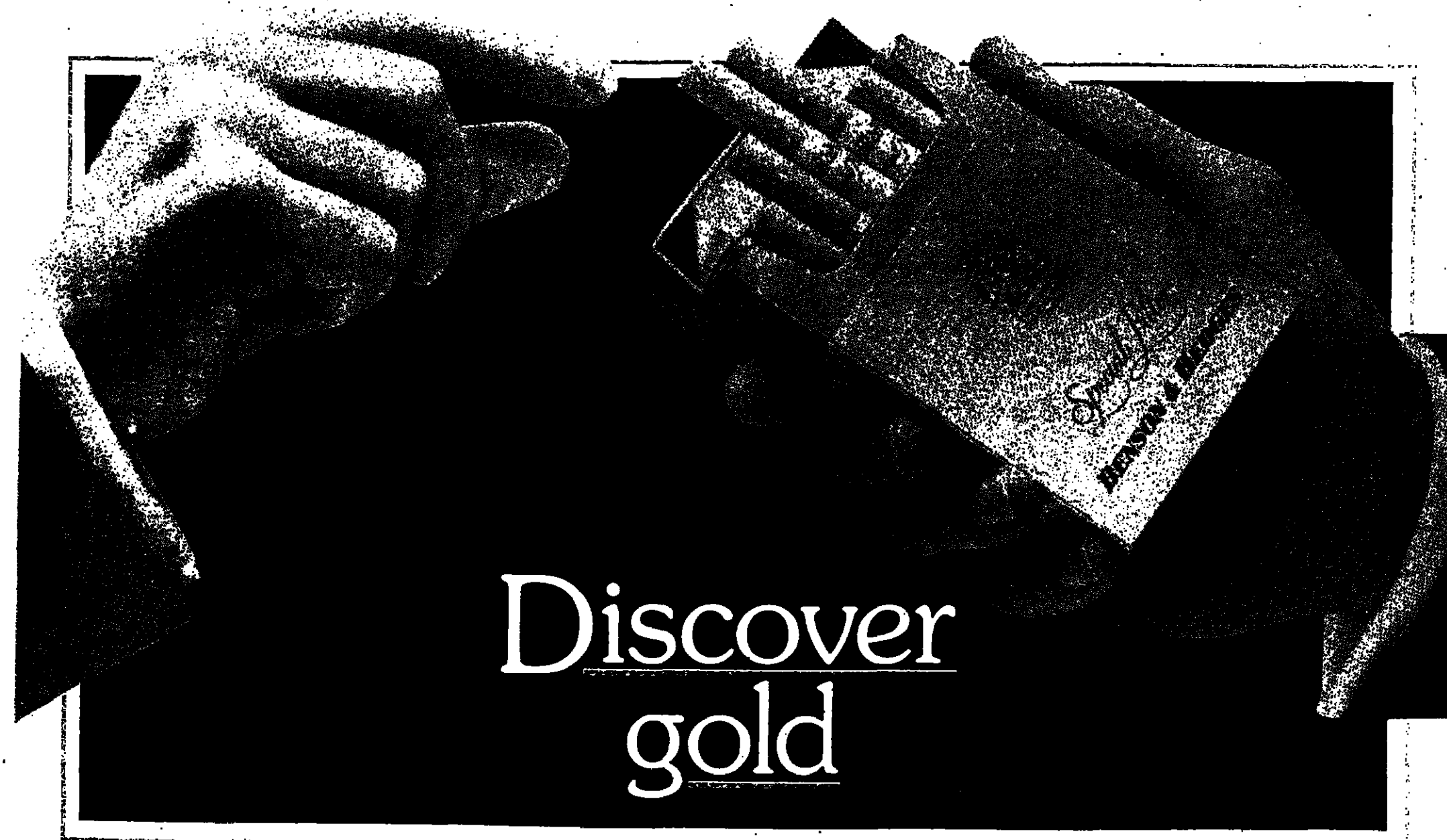
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as a "reformed terrorist".

Walgrave told BBC radio that Israel should welcome the PLO's offers of peace.

Criticised
Two radical Palestinian groups criticised Arafat today for published remarks indicating a willingness to compromise on the nature of a Palestinian state.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), led by George Habbash, and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), led by Nayef Hawatmeh, issued separate statements calling on Arafat to clarify remarks attributed to him by the Times of London.

"The Palestine National Council (PNC) decision on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state is final and non-negotiable," the DFLP statement said.



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Rival Shiites battle to control strategic town

BEIRUT, Jan 15, (Reuters): Fighting erupted between Shiite Muslim forces in Beirut's southern suburbs today as fresh battles raged around the battered village of Jubah in south Lebanon.

Iranian-backed Hezbollah gunmen battled militiamen of the pro-Syrian Amal with machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades in two southern districts of the Lebanese capital, police said.

There were no immediate reports on casualties in the flare-up, apparently sparked by a car bomb blast which killed a woman and injured 30 people in the southern suburbs two days ago.

In south Lebanon, security sources said artillery shells slammed into Jubah, the focal point of fierce fighting between the two militias for the past two weeks.

Car bomb
Amal has denied allegations by Hezbollah that it may have been responsible for Friday's car bomb, which exploded in the street minutes after 4,000 pro-Hezbollah demonstrators paraded past.

An Amal spokesman said Hezbollah men opened machine-gun fire this morning as cover

while they tried unsuccessfully to send weapons to one of their surrounded positions in the suburbs. Hezbollah officials were not available to comment.

The fighting erupted in defiance of a Syrian-imposed truce to halt bloodshed in the suburbs between the two militias, vying for dominance over Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiites.

Hundreds of Syrian troops took up fresh positions in the suburbs, home to half a million Shiites, after battles broke out there on Dec 31 and later spread to south Lebanon.

In Jubah, only about 500 of the original 6,000 villagers remained, cowering behind stone walls to escape the artillery fire.

Residents who fled said scores of bodies lay decaying in the narrow streets and there was no bread, water or electricity.

Jubah is within sniper range of a cluster of Amal-held villages in the Iqlim Al Tufah region stretching from the town of Sidon to Israel's self-declared security zone north of its border.

Lebanon's top Shiite cleric, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of Hezbollah, and Sheikh Moham-

med Mehdi Shamseddine, vice-president of the Higher Shiite Council, held talks yesterday to try to stop the violence.

Fadlallah said they discussed ways to end the fighting and reconcile the two militias.

Shiite sources said their meeting could help to narrow rifts dividing the Shiites, Lebanon's largest sect, but militia sources said no immediate solution was in sight.

Death toll
The latest round of a year-long battle between Amal and Hezbollah, which started in Beirut on New Year's day and spilled to the south, has claimed the lives of 116 people, wounded at least 150 and displaced thousands of people.

Shiite sources said the Fadlallah-Shamseddine meeting could help narrow the rifts within Lebanon's largest religious sect, but militia sources ruled out any imminent solution.

They said while Amal was determined to drive out Hezbollah from Iqlim Al Tufah, the pro-Iranians were set on fighting to the finish to defend their last southern bastion, a staging post for attacks against Israel and its security zone.

Iraqi denies role in Libyan plant

LONDON, Jan 15, (Reuters): An Iraqi businessman was quoted today as saying that he helped build a factory complex in Libya but denied he was involved in constructing a block which Washington charges is a chemical warfare plant.

London-based businessman Ihsan Barbouti, commenting for the first time on the charges, told The Observer newspaper he helped to build foundries and engineering workshops at the Rabta complex, near Tripoli.

But Barbouti, 61, said he was not involved in constructing a block which Washington describes as a chemical weapons plant.

He said he accepted the Libyan statement that the block was designed to produce medicines. "I saw a plan to produce about 50 different drugs," he said. "That building was 60 per cent finished when I left the site 18 months ago. I don't think they could have built a chemical weapons factory without my knowledge," he said.

Barbouti, who moved to Britain in 1978 from the United Arab Emirates, said he became involved in the Rabta project because he had spent nearly all his money.

Bookshops to remove Satanic Verses

LONDON, Jan 15, (AP): W. H. Smith will remove the controversial book *Satanic Verses* from its 430 stores in Britain, the book-sellers were quoted as saying today following a rally against the novel.

The Sunday Times and The Mail on Sunday newspapers reported that company officials said their decision was taken for commercial reasons but had been speeded up because of opposition to the book.

Yesterday, a copy of the novel by Indian-born author Salman Rushdie was burned at a peaceful rally in central England of 1,500 people, police said.

The rally in the centre of the industrial city of Bradford was organised by the city's Council of Mosques.

The book, which is condemned by Muslims as blasphemous and has been banned in Saudi Arabia and India, highlights in Indian actor's internal struggle against the forces of evil.

"It is a commercial consideration. We are not bowing to pressure," The Times quoted W. H. Smith and Sons Ltd. managing director Malcolm Field as saying.

"But we have to bear in mind that a whole shop could be threatened by this sort of things," he said.

The bookseller's retail marketing director told The Mail on Sunday, "If it had been selling well we would have kept it on the shelves."

Bomb scare forces Greek plane to land in Cyprus

LARNACA, Jan 15, (AP): An Olympic Airlines jumbo jet landed in Cyprus today after a bomb threat aborted its flight from Athens to Bangkok, Thailand, airport sources said here.

The sources said the flight, OA 437, carried 421 passengers and crew.

About an hour after take off from Athens a message was phoned to Olympic Airlines office in Athens saying there was a bomb aboard the flight planted by the Nov 17 Movement.

The pilot was ordered by Olympic to land in Cyprus which he did. Passengers and crew were taken off the Boeing 747 immediately.

The Nov 17 Movement is an anti-American underground group which claimed credit for assassinating Central Intelligence station chief Richard Welch in 1975 and for 11 other killings of US personnel in Greece and persons they said were collaborators with the 1967-74 military dictatorship.

Its name refers to the date of a 1973 attack on university students by troops during the military regime.

The airport sources said that the plane will remain parked in isolation at Larnaca airport until 2200 GMT after which the baggage will be removed and searched for explosive devices.

Bonn helped foil plot to kill Khomeini

BONN, Jan 15, (Reuters): West Germany helped Iran foil a 1980 plot to kill revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini, involving mercenaries recruited by the deposed Shah, the news magazine Der Spiegel said.

It said a former West German Ambassador to Tehran, Gerhard Ritzer, had verified the incident, which was reported in the Dutch weekly Vrij Nederland.

According to Der Spiegel's account, the late Shah Reza Pahlavi recruited six mercenaries to kill Khomeini in Iran's holy city of Qom in the spring of 1980.

The West German government heard of the plot and gave a warning that enabled the Iranian authorities to capture the six men who were expelled from Iran rather than put on trial — a condition set by Bonn.

Der Spiegel said the events occurred at the same time as revolutionary students were holding 52 US embassy staff members hostage in Tehran. It added that Ritzer later played a decisive part in gaining their release.

Meanwhile, Iran says it intends to further strengthen ties with China. Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said yesterday.

Rafsanjani described Iran's ties with China as "strategic, which we intended to further strengthen," IRNA said.

Barbara — a model for fat, white-haired ladies

NEW YORK, Jan 15, (Agencies): Barbara Bush says that as First Lady she's going to be a role model for many a woman who felt disenfranchised by the stylish and slim Nancy Reagan.

"My mail tells me a lot of fat, white-haired, wrinkled ladies are tickled pink," Barbara, who becomes First Lady on Jan 20 when her husband George is inaugurated President, said in remarks published today.

"I think it makes them feel better about themselves," said the 63-year-old Barbara, who has never shied from joking about her own matronly appearance and snow-white hair.

Barbara, too, to designer Adolfo, another favourite of Mrs Reagan. Mrs Bush prefers Bill Blinn and Arnold Scassi, Diane Dickinson and Adele Simpson. She's having several designers put together her inaugural wardrobe.

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Brussels vows to take legal action

Zaire scraps Belgian accords

BRUSSELS, Jan 15, (Reuters): Relations have worsened between Zaire and Belgium which condemned its former colony for renouncing friendship and co-operation treaties between them.

Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens said after a cabinet crisis meeting yesterday that Zaire's decision to cancel the accords and halt payments on its \$1.2 billion debt was totally unjustified.

He said his government would not fund any new development projects in Zaire and would take legal action for its violation of a bilateral air accord.

Zaire had told the Belgian state-owned airline Sabena to halve its four weekly flights from Brussels to Kinshasa.

"The government deplores the

unilateral character of the changes made by Zaire to its ties with Belgium," Martens told a news conference.

The response was Belgium's toughest yet in the two-month-old row. Brussels had previously tried to use diplomatic means to settle the dispute, sparked by Belgian press criticism of Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko's alleged corruption and lavish lifestyle.

Silence

"Up till now the government has maintained an exemplary silence not wanting to do anything too harsh, but after the Zairean declaration we had to make the Belgian position known," Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans said.

The row worsened despite Mobutu's acceptance last week of Belgian proposals for a joint high-level conference in April in Kinshasa to set guidelines for future relations.

Martens said Belgium was still prepared to attend the conference but would only do so in a "favourable climate" where both sides had something to offer.

Belgium would not discuss Zaire's claims that it had behaved in a neo-colonialist fashion and reneged on co-operation treaties since granting Zaire independence in 1960, he said.

But later yesterday the official Zairean news agency AZAP said if Belgium was not prepared to discuss the claims there was no point in meeting.

China releases African students

BEIJING, Jan 15, (Reuters): Police in the central city of Nanking have released three African students accused of taking part in a Christmas Eve brawl with local people, the New China News Agency reported today.

Alex Dzabaku Dosoo, a Ghanaian, was released on Tuesday and placed under surveillance at home pending further investigation, it said.

Dosoumou Boni Lodovic, of Benin, and Alpha Robinson, of Gambia, were released yesterday after serving 14 days of their 15-day sentences for offences against public order.

The official media has said 13 people were injured in the clash between Chinese and blacks at a university in the city and the incident spawned protests by Chinese students in three other cities.

Three Chinese were also given 15-day sentences for offences against public order after the incident.

First Israeli satellite burned off in orbit

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 15, (AP): The first Israeli satellite entered the upper layers of the atmosphere and burned off yesterday after staying almost four months in orbit, the national film news agency reported.

The agency quoted experts from the Israel aircraft industries as saying the Horizon-1 satellite broadcast its last signal at 1830 GMT and burned shortly afterwards.

Stay

Israel Radio said the satellite has been sending scientific data on the atmosphere and the earth's magnetic field for the whole period it stayed in space.

Israel launched the 156-kilogramme Horizon-1 with the help of a three-stage carrier missile on Sept 21, 1988, culminating more than 20 years of Israeli space research.

The space craft carried a solar-powered electrical system and its onboard memory was 1.28 kilobytes, or one-sixth the memory of an average home computer.

According to Yuval Neeman, head of the Israel Space Agency, the craft stayed in orbit longer than the originally predicted life span of a month to six weeks.

The Horizon-1 test satellite was calculated to have a high point of 1,100 kilometres and a low point of 250 kilometres. In fact, it rose to the height of 1,150 kilometres and thus lasted longer, encountering less particles in its flight.

A spokesman for the London-based Jane's Defence Weekly said after the launch that Horizon-1 was carrying a 6.6-pound payload for surveillance purposes, and that US-produced optical equipment was believed to be on board.

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Amir receives UAE, Bangladesh messages

KUWAIT, Jan 15, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir received a message from the President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan and from Bangladesh President Hussain Mohammed Ershad.

Sheikh Zayed's message was delivered by the UAE ambassador to Kuwait, while the Bangladeshi message was handed over to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osumi by the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Kuwait K.M. Shehabuddin.

Zakat project in Maldives

KUWAIT, Jan 15, (KUNA): Acting Director-General of Bait Al Zakat Abdul Aziz Ahmed Al Bezia yesterday signed an agreement with Justice Minister Ibrahim for the construction of an Islamic school and a clinic. Bait Al Zakat will execute the project at the cost of KD20,000. Al Bezia and Ibrahim also discussed the possibility of sponsoring a number of orphans in the Maldives by Bait Al Zakat.

Locusts descend on Bahrain causeway

BAHRAIN, Jan 15, (Reuters): A swarm of locusts has descended on the 25-km (15-mile) King Fahd Causeway linking Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, agriculture officials said today.

Farming Services Director Hassan Abdulkarim told Reuters, Bahrain had sent teams to fight locusts massed on customs and immigration buildings in the middle of the causeway.

A farmer on Bahrain's west coast near the causeway said no locusts had been sighted there and Abdulkarim said the situation was under control.

But he added that Bahrain's agriculture would face a continuing threat from swarms of locusts migrating from eastern Saudi Arabia until April or May.

Poison cases on the increase

ACCORDING to a 1987 annual report issued by the Poison Information Centre at the Amir Hospital, 2.6 per cent of the total patients admitted were poisoning cases.

The study revealed that an average rate of 88 people per 1000 were rushed to the centre for poison treatment. As many as 1641 patients were admitted into six different hospitals over a period of 12 months suffering from symptoms of poisoning.

It also indicated that the number of children admitted into hospitals for treatment of poisoning is constantly increasing. In 1984, it was 941 children, in 1985, 1236 cases, in 1986, 1387 cases and in 1987 it was 1641.

The study revealed that 73 per cent of these children were below five, 56 per cent were boys and 97.4 per cent were children of five years, admitted for treatment of casual poisoning.

The study also showed that 81.9 per cent of adult patients exhibited symptoms of self-inflicted poisoning, meaning either suicide or a way of attracting attention.

It added that attempting suicide through poisoning was the most common way advertised by the information media to reflect protest or as a reaction to severe fits of depression.

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Permission must be obtained to employ workers

THE new labour law signed Saturday by the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed prohibits employers from employing workers without getting permission from the ministry.

The permission to hire a foreign worker is not transferable during the first three years even if the worker is hired locally. In government projects, workers are not allowed to transfer to another sponsor during the contract between them and their original employer except in the case of withdrawal of the project from the original contractor, and transferring it to another. In this case the workers of the project can be transferred to sponsor-ship of the new contractor without abiding by the period (three years). After the completion of a government project the contractor can transfer his workers to sponsorship of another employer who is carrying out a similar project or return them home.

Exemption

The minister has the right to exempt any worker from restriction of the three years period. The ministry also has the right to exempt those who have lived in Kuwait for 10 continuous years, from this period, if they are dismissed from their work according to articles 57 and 59 of the private sector labour law. The ministry has the right to transfer the work permit to another sponsor even if his employer refuses, or without referring to the employer.

Rights

The employer should cancel the work permit of his worker at the end of his work and return him to his country at employer's expense unless he has the right to transfer his work permit to another sponsor.



Sheikh Nasser

The ministry also has the right to reject any work permit application, renewal or transfer even if the conditions are met, without revealing the reason. The ministry also has the right (without revealing reasons) to ask the employer to cancel the work permit of a certain worker and return him to his country.

The order calls for unemployed Kuwaiti and GCC citizens to register their names at the specialised labour departments. These departments will exchange information in order to find jobs and nominate them according to qualification and experience.

The labour departments will not permit any employer to bring or employ a foreign worker if they have workers registered in these departments who can occupy the same jobs. The departments will not issue work permits for foreign workers if employers refused to employ registered workers.

Bishara to hold talks with Austrian officials

VIENNA, Jan 15, (KUNA): Gulf Co-operation Council Secretary-General Abdullah Yaqoub Bishara will pay a visit to Austria tomorrow, to meet with senior Austrian officials.

Bishara is scheduled to hold talks with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, and Foreign Minister and acting Chancellor Alois Mock.

Discussions will centre on Austrian-GCC relations and ways of fostering relations in the fields of economy and joint investment projects.

Bishara will give a lecture tomorrow titled "The Future Policy and Economy of the Gulf Co-operation Council" during a cultural and political seminar to be held on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Austrian Orient Society.

The seminar will be inaugurated by acting Chancellor Mock and attended by sen-

ior politicians, intellectuals and experts on Austrian-Arab relations.

The Austrian Orient Society was established in November 1958 with the help of the Austrian Ministry of Education and Science.

The society helps students from Arab and Islamic countries find an appropriate place to live and provides them with financial aid, that is extended by the Austrian Foreign Ministry for students from the Far East and Middle East countries.

The society prepares a programme to help these students enter Austrian institutes and universities.

In 1962 the Orient Society established the Orient Academy that works within the framework of the Austrian Orient society but aims at preparing experts in Middle East issues especially in the fields of economy and investment projects.

Two-pin plug electrical appliances banned

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has put into effect a new law banning the import by local companies and shops, of electrical appliances with two-pin power plugs.

The law allows the three-pin power plug system, which is considered safer in the prevention of fires caused by electrical short circuits. Electric fires have resulted in the destruction of houses and shopping centres around the country.

Meanwhile, shipments of banned two-pin plug systems have

been denied access into the country pending re-routing to the source of origin by the owners, after the payment of 4 per cent customs duties, in accordance with the new law.

Sources at the ministry have been quoted as saying that a special technical committee was formed to inspect shops selling power-operated equipment around the country to ensure that the provisions under the new law are being observed. Violators will be referred to General Prosecution.

Fintas Co-op opens 32 branches

FINTAS Co-operative Society has opened a total of 32 branches around Fintas area to cater for residents. A special 24 hours service branch has also been opened, according to Abdul Latif Abdullah Al Hamdan, Chairman of the Society.

Profit

He said that the society accumulated KD143,000 as a net profit over the past seven and a half months and that the daily sales at the society's supermarkets were approximately KD6,000 to KD9,000.

Hamdan declared that the society's board of directors was currently seeking to possess block number 26 in Abu Halifa, following approval from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and Kuwait Municipality, to build a supermarket as well as other co-op branches to cater to the needs of inhabitants there.

Appeal to support Arab League move on Lebanon

KUWAIT, Jan 15, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti government today appealed to all countries and parties to support an Arab League-appointed Good Offices Committee seeking an end to the Lebanese crisis.

"The council wishes the committee success and appeals to all countries and parties to offer the committee help and assistance to restore Lebanon's security and stability and its effective role in Arab work," a Cabinet spokesman said.

Nasser Al Roudhan, Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs said the council expressed appreciation of the efforts made by the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and his counterparts at the recent Arab foreign ministers meetings in Tunis.

The spokesman pointed out that the meetings represented Arab solidarity and expressed hope that the six-man Good Offices Committee would fulfill Arab interests.

Al Roudhan said the Cabinet,



Nasser Al Roudhan

meeting under HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, was briefed by the deputy premier on last week's conference in Paris on banning the production and manufacture of chemical weapons.

The spokesman added that the Cabinet approved revisions to laws of the year 1961 covering insurance companies and agents

and decided to forward the matter to the Amir Diwan.

Al Roudhan said the Cabinet also endorsed an agreement with the Kingdom of Denmark covering economic, industrial, scientific and technical co-operation. The accord is geared to enhance friendship and ties between the two countries to their mutual benefit, the spokesman went on.

The Cabinet approved minutes of meetings of the higher committee of the state infrastructure plan and major projects that included blueprints for launching a number of new schemes. Al Roudhan pointed out that the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Khaled Ahmed Al Jassar reported to the Cabinet on last week's conference in Baghdad on peace and Islamic co-operation and solidarity.

The Cabinet also reviewed a host of domestic issues and took note of reports from Kuwaiti delegations that took part in meetings and conferences abroad.



Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah patronised the closing ceremony of the Third Traffic Seminar, held at the Police Academy. The ceremony was also attended by the Assistant Undersecretary for Police Affairs Brigadier Mohammed Al Gubandi and Director of the Police Academy Colonel Abdullah Al Roumi. Pictured here are the graduates with Sheikh Salem.

New highway network to solve traffic problems

THE Chief Engineer of the Roads and Drainage Department at the Ministry of Public Works, Ali Al Abdullah, was quoted as saying that a comprehensive structural layout for the country's roads has been prepared by the ministry.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the layout included construction of a new highway network which aims at surmounting problems facing traffic movement.

He added that works at the Ghazali flyover are progressing. It stretches over 4,100 metres and is designed to ease traffic movement in the industrial area. He said that the project will cost KD31 million and that 1,850 metres have been constructed so far. The remaining part of the project is located at the junction of the Fifth and Sixth Ring

Roads. Abdullah added that the project includes establishing a pedestrian bridge at the junction of Al Ghazali Street and Fourth Ring Road. He added that the project began in 1985 and is expected to be completed by March 1989.

Abdullah also said that the main contractor was a foreign company, while local firms were awarded sub-contracts.

About 1,500 workers are working on the project and 120,000 tons of cement and 25,000 tons of steel are being used. The official also said that four workers were killed and one injured during construction.

He added that the project will be handed over to the ministry on time, as no problems that may delay the process have been reported so far.

Egyptian wins Faisal Award for service to Islam

RIYADH, Jan 15, (AP): Saudi Arabian Minister of Defence Prince Sultan has announced that the eighth and last winner of the King Faisal Foundation International Award for 1989 is Mohammed Al Ghazali, a 72-year-old Egyptian, for service to Islam.

Nominations in this field are made on basis of achievements in the field of Islamic education. Al Ghazali, a Muslim theologian, was born in a Nile delta village in 1917, and is the author of 40 books, three of which are considered major works. He graduated from Al Azhar University in Cairo in 1941.

Efforts

The scholar is a leading exponent of Islam and frequently appears on broadcast talk shows in the Gulf states. He is currently teaching at the Prince Abdul Qadir University in Algiers.

Al Ghazali worked in Egypt for most of his life but has as well worked in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Prince Sultan also

lauded his efforts in propagating Islam in the United States and Europe.

A foundation official said today that the five awards to eight winners will be distributed to all eight winners this year at a ceremony in March. Al Ghazali's award was announced late Saturday.

On Friday, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal announced in Riyadh that the foundation's other awards for 1989 had gone to two Americans, a Briton, a West German, an Iraqi, a Syrian and another Egyptian.

Contributions Prince Saud, one of eight sons of the late King Faisal, is the deputy secretary-general of the foundation. Prince Sultan, a half-brother of the late king, heads the selection committee.

The sons of Faisal, commemorated the memory of their father by creating the foundation in 1976 with a 1.2 billion riyal (\$324 million) fund which makes its greatest contributions to medical and scientific research.

Expatriates to help in Iraqi reconstruction

BAGHDAD, Jan 15, (Reuters): About 400 Iraqi expatriates met in Baghdad today to study ways to rebuild the country's industry after the eight-year war with Iran, officials said.

They said scientists, doctors, industrialists, economists and businessmen returned from around the world for the conference in response to an invitation from President Saddam Hussein. Most have foreign nationality.

The five-day conference, organised by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, will discuss ways to use advanced technology in industry. It will also study moves to

protect the environment, use energy better in new industrial projects and exploit local resources.

The expatriates were asked to study ways to promote local and foreign investment. Businessmen attending the conference were themselves invited to invest in industry, agriculture, trade and other fields.

Higher Education Minister Munther Ibrahim, in a speech on behalf of Saddam, said Iraq's reconstruction drive began immediately after the August 20 ceasefire.

He invited delegates "to help in compensating their homeland for what it lost due to the (Iranian) aggression."

Responsibility call to citizens

KUWAIT'S Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah has called upon citizens to understand the dimensions of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's saying "every citizen is a guardian."

In an interview with a local daily, the minister stressed the importance of the aspect of responsibility, which underlines the premier's saying.

On the other hand, the interior minister has called on citizens to pay more attention to the civil defence system, saying that each citizen should play his role.

He referred to the recent earthquake in Armenia which he said confirmed the importance of civil defence in dealing with disasters.

Commenting on his tours around the ministry's different departments, the minister said that he was familiarising himself with the activities of various departments and listening to the views of department officials.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Salem has praised the efforts of officials at the Immigration and Passports Department as well as the Special Forces Command.

He said that the officials at the special forces command had discussed with him the forces' need in respect of training and camps.

Sheikh Salem also said that the scholarship system of the ministry will concentrate in the future on specialisations such as computers, criminal law and criminal evidence.

Arab ministers to meet in Libya

TUNIS, Jan 15, (Reuters): Arab health ministers will meet in Libya in March to discuss co-operation in the production of medicines, an Arab League source said today.

He said the choice of Tripoli for the meeting was not related to US charges that Libya is building a plant to make poison gas. Libya says the plant will make pharmaceutical products.

The source told Reuters that Mubdi Mustapha Al Hedi, assistant secretary-general of the Arab League, was now in Tripoli to make arrangements for the conference from March 20 to 22.

Indian arrested in Fallaka murder

KUWAIT, Jan 15, (KUNA): Police detectives have arrested an Indian for allegedly stabbing to death an Iraqi in Fallaka.

The Interior Ministry announced yesterday that the accused Jaber H., employed as a domestic servant, fought with the victim, identified as Hassan A., over a sum of KD40.

Jaber stabbed his victim with a knife and in the ensuing struggle, a burning candle fell and set the house on fire.

The killer then escaped the scene of the crime. He was later arrested by police detectives, the ministry said. The accused has been referred to the concerned authorities.

Tourism can benefit Bahrain's economy, says economist

THE development and promotion of tourism as a major industry in Bahrain will make a significant contribution to the economic development of the country, according to a leading economist in the region.

Speaking on the second day of the Fourth Bahrain Tourism Seminar, Dr Henry Azzam, chief economist at the Gulf International Bank in Bahrain, highlighted the importance of tourism in the overall development of the economic structure of Bahrain.

Dr Azzam said that tourism can benefit the national economy either directly or indirectly by boosting employment and helping diversification of the economy. He added that by promoting tourism in Bahrain other sectors such as hotel, catering, car rental, retail business and even construction will develop consequently.

"Tourism in Bahrain is labour intensive. It is linked with various activities. It fits well with the economic as well as the demographic structure."

Dr Azzam said tourism can make a positive contribution to the GNP of Bahrain although it is difficult to assess the figures because of the tangible and non-tangible aspects of tourism.

The economist stressed that tourism in Bahrain offers vast potential for both regional and international visitors. He said tourism in the Gulf in general and Bahrain in particular rests on social and economic factors as well as political stability.

He added that peace and stability in the region will generate general confidence in the region for both international and domestic investment. Invariably tourism in Bahrain will benefit tremendously because of increase in general commercial activities.

Dr Azzam emphasised that the growth of tourist industry in Bahrain will be influenced to a large extent by world economic factors, particularly pertaining to the oil price and the US dollar. Bahrain's economy is still heavily dependent on oil resources (50 per cent). The Bahraini dinar is tied to the dollar, as the country's revenues are dollar denominated.

Dr Azzam said Bahrain's economy has been the most stable in five years among the other Gulf states. The island enjoyed positive growth in the last couple of years and prospects for 1989 look bright, he added.

He said Bahrain will follow a normal growth pattern in the next few years. He forecast a very low inflation rate for the island during 1989, helped by continued government subsidies.

Orno von Den Brink, marketing support manager of KLM, spoke about tourism in Bahrain from a European point of view.

He said Bahrain can attract increasing number of Western European tourists by focusing on cultural and leisure aspects in particular. He added that although facilities for Western visitors to the island are adequate, there must be efforts to promote and develop more beach resorts and recreational facilities.

"Western tourists don't want to see hotels or swimming pools. They are used to all that. They would really like the freedom to explore and discover the culture and heritage of the country. Bahrain is blessed with both in abundance. A Western tourist, for instance, may like to go on desert outing in a jeep and explore the country at will."

Brink stated that Bahrain has excellent climate and offers the best for Western tourists more than any other Gulf country.

He emphasised the need to make it easier for Western tourists to come to Bahrain by liberal entrance requirements and reduced visa costs.

Dr Azzam also said one way to attract tourists is by investing in different countries in Europe, whose nationals may be keen to visit the island.

Abdur Rahman Mansour, advisor to the tourism directorate, said Bahrain is already being promoted in various countries around the world through extensive brochures and leaflets published in a number of foreign languages including Japanese.

In May a Bahraini delegation will leave for Tokyo to attract Japanese visitors to the island.

Encourage self-reliance, says Arab educationist

KUWAIT, Jan 15, (KUNA): A senior Arab educationist suggested here today the introduction of academic curricula that would encourage student self-employment and lessen the dependence of university graduates on government jobs.

Dr Walid Qamhawi, President of the Amman-based Jerusalem Open University, told a symposium on higher education and the problem of unemployment among university graduates in Arab countries that students must be taught self-reliance after graduation.

Dr Qamhawi, in a working paper presented on the second day of the symposium, pointed out that Jerusalem University students pursue self-education based on academic plans and programmes that encourage self-employment upon graduation.

He added that besides the general education that all students have to take, the pioneering university offers five academic programmes that gear up students for self-employment.

These programmes are land and rural development, home and family development, technology and applied science, management and motivation, and education training.

Dr Qamhawi said Arab economic and social development plans are being undermined by the fact that 30 per cent of school-age males and more than 50 per cent of girls are not enrolled in schools.

He pointed out that the Jerusalem Open University had been established to fulfil a growing need among a large number of Palestinians to pursue university education.

Jabriyah-Surra flyover defects to be repaired

INTENSIFIED preparations to repair construction defects which were recently discovered on the Jabriyah-Surra flyover, are currently underway by Kuwait's Ministry of Public Works, a local daily reported.

which should be taken to repair the defects.

Meanwhile, an engineer from the ministry's Road Construction Department will leave for the US with the relevant studies and designs to conclude a final agreement with the Federal Roads Department.

The daily added that the engineer had been empowered to sign the contract with the American contractor who will undertake the repairs.

Health Ministry to check all imported and local food

THE head of the Foods Laboratories Department at the Ministry of Public Health, Yaqub Al Mutawa said that the ministry is keen to ensure the safety of imported and locally produced food products. Contacts are conducted on a regular basis with the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the study of measures and systems to be followed in this regard.

to create a base for approval of the scientific methods applied in food testing.

The food laboratories department conducts tests on manufactured food products to indicate their validity for human consumption.

Al Mutawa added that the department also conducts tests on foods to ensure that they are free from pork fat. The department also has a special laboratory for radiation detection on food.

Announcement

The National Co. for Mech. & Elect. Works Ltd announces

its head office new telephone number effective from 14th January, 1989 is

4749655 (4 lines)

Telephone numbers 4714550/4732065/4735118/4742532 are no longer in operation.

INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

It's simply killing

By Fathima Ahmed

LAST year, there was an emphasis on violence in Hindi films — the more violent the better. Films unabashedly proclaimed the frenzy for lawlessness. Titles ranged from *Zulm Ko Jala Doonga* to *Jala Kar Raakh Kar Doonga*. In such films raging heroes stormed the villain's den and destroyed everything in sight, leaving behind a bunch of devastated viewers. It was the year of violence in films. Redemption was in perpetrating strong arm tactics. Director Umesh Mehra's *Vardi*, released on video last week, belongs to the blood-spilling category that took over the silver screen in 1988.

The credits of *Vardi* roll as a helpless girl is picked up in a colony and dragged by a debauched group of young men. Frightened residents look on, afraid to raise their voice or rescue the girl from their clutches. She screams for help, they just watch. Perhaps, this is the most touching sequence in *Vardi*, revealing the disturbing indifference of some people, who'd rather protect themselves than help someone in danger.

And the one man — a policeman — who comes to her rescue is brutally beaten to a pulp by the hoodlums. The impact of this sequence is short-lived as the director comes to the point: violence breeds violence. In the process, one gets the feeling how pointless killing, blood-spilling and



Kimi Katkar

gun-toting is; somewhere between the lines — or scenes — the filmmaker indulges in a futile exercise to reassure viewers about the integrity of the police force.

Ammunition is explosive. So is the film as the heroes and villains exchange crossfire to complete the complex tale of heroics, spiced, invariably, with misunderstanding.

The issue, if you haven't already guessed, is vendetta, threatening the fabric of society. "Break up the country; let them fight each other and destroy themselves," says Tom Alter, who plays a seedy Mafia boss sending arms to Hindustan, in collusion with an Indian — Lalchand, who has an old score to settle with the commis-

sioner of police, Varma.

From a crooked arms dealer, Lalchand has become the financier of terrorists. And all the blood-letting is done by Lalchand to get back at Varma for breaking his thumb! The police, led by Varma, are unable to stem the influence of Lalchand's growing power. Guess who comes to Varma's rescue: Ajay Varma — his son? Ajay finds a helper: Munna alias Anil.

The triangle of revenge is back to square one. To soften the impact of deadly violence, romance and comedy have been thrown in. Dr Sonu Kaul, swimming or pouting, becomes the centre of attraction for Ajay and Munna, both drooling over her luscious body. Comedy is from Balchand. Lalchand's nutty brother, who lips and stutters and holds court at gunpoint in the bizarre, destructive finale. There are more corpses than you can count in the climax, which is reminiscent of Amitabh's daring entry in a truck inside a courtroom in *Andha Kanoon*. In *Vardi*, they fly higher: a helicopter lands in the courtroom as the dazed judge flees for his dear life.

On trial are the police for "preventing crime on the streets and fomenting Lalchand's plans." This sequence belongs to the theatre of the absurd: a crazy judge, a criminal prosecutor and the police on trial with the real judge crouching behind the chairs, with a gun in hand and his finger on the trigger, to start shooting at the director's reckoning.

Says Lalchand: "They call me crazy; but they are crazy (pointing to his brother) for killing each other." Perhaps there is a grain of truth.

Love story

Sunny Deol plays Ajay Varma, the fearless police officer, Jackie Shroff is Munna, the long-lost son who reappears to seek redemption and revenge. Kimi Katkar is Dr Sonu, a seductress who wins more hearts than she can mend and Kader Khan plays Lalchand and Balchand, the bad and the good guys. Shafi Inamdar, in a brief cameo, makes an impression. Also in the cast are Vinod Mehra, Madhuni Dixit and Dharmendra.

Meena Kumari, a star of yesteryears



Jackie Shroff plays Munna in Vardi.

teryears, was called the tragedienne of the Indian screen. One of the most beautiful actresses, she appeared in scores of films, the most notable was Kamal Amrohi's *Pakeezah*, based on the life of a prostitute who finds love but is afraid to accept it for fear of rejection. A poetic and visually beautiful film, it has some such catchy numbers as "Inhi logon ne" and others. A lavish, costume drama, it spoke of the hypocrisy of society and unrequited love. Raj Kumar played the nawab who falls in love with the dancer.

Another film starring Raj Kumar and Meena Kumari is *Dil Apna aur Preet Paraye*. It is technically poor but still wat-

chable for its musical score and content. It is a love story about a doctor who can't marry the girl he likes because his mother has other plans for him. It is about virtues, values, and caring and sharing, aspects that are in short supply in today's movies. Meena Kumari plays the nurse who silently adores Dr Varma (Raj Kumar) and watches him waste away after his marriage to a nagging woman, played by Nadira. But true love triumphs in the end, but not before a dramatic separation and a violent climax.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Farwan-ya; Tel: 471-2900 and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars
Starring: Jackie Chan
Al Sahm
Funoon centre performance
Al Hamra
The Come Back
Starring: Holly Palance, Jack Jones
Drive-In
Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer
Al Firdous
Pelchhaan (Hindi)
Starring: Manoj Kumar, Babita

Fahad Open-Air
Khuda Kasam (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Urban Warriors
Al Jahra
Battle Truck
Granada
To Burn the Sun
Salaikhah
Tuxedo Warriors
Al Jeeb
Pushpamala (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Night of the Creeps

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Salem Pharmacy
nr. Sheraton, Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Ghazwah Pharmacy
Kazemi Bldg., Khalid Bin Walid St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Jodhar Pharmacy
Tunis St.
Salmiya and Rumathiya
Al Rashid Pharmacy
Amman St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Khaleej Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Rabeeh Bldg., Mujamma St.
Khaitau
Al Ahran Pharmacy
Qitah 2
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdulaziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

PRAYERS

Fajr	5.20 am
Zuhr	11.58
Asr	2.53 pm
Maghreb	5.12
Isha	6.33

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Inraa Fi Duwamah: Arabic serial; part 3. Starring: Aida Abdul Aziz, Salah Zulfikar, Tayseer Fahmi, Mohsin Sarhan.
10.30 News Summary/Good Morning
11.00 Saghirat Alal Hayat: local Arabic serial; part 3, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Zainab Al Dahi, Hind Kamel, Dawood Hussein, Mohammad Sayyed Essa.
12.00 Kuwait Al Ams: a documentary on Kuwait in the past.
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Bambo: animated feature
5.15 Mama Anisa and Children
6.00 Liga Fi Al Zakira: historical serial
7.00 News Summary
7.15 Songs and Music
7.30 Our Children and Their Future
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Dawaar Al Zaman: daily Arabic serial



Children's viewing includes Chocky's Children, 6.30 pm on KTV 2 tonight.

10.45 Fann wa Fikr: Art and Literature. Presented by Amal Abdullah. Tonight's episode is about poetry in theatre.
12.15 News Summary
12.20 World News via Satellite
12.50 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: cartoon serial.
6.30 Chocky's Children: based on characters created by John Wyndham, surprises are in store for Chocky's children.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of news and views.
7.30 Perspective: "Heart and lung transplant". Medicine.

8.00 News in English
8.40 A Different World: "Pork-dye". Student elections and friendships dominate the life of students on the campus.
9.30 Rediscovery of the World: a look at the life on the western coast of America.
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Full Disclosure". A writer's life is in danger after his book is published.
10.30 French feature film: "Elic Story". Thriller.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 Newswatch
30 In Praise of God
0700 News Summary followed by A Question of Science
45 Havana Guitar Festival
0800 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
30 Science in Action
0900 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes
0400 Newswatch
30 Five William Stories (ex 23rd and 30th Dangerous in Love)
45 Nature Now
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Waveguide
40 Words of Faith
45 Recording of the Week
0600 Newswatch
30 2nd With Good Reason: 9th The Art of the Weatherman; 16th Boy Soldiers; 23rd and 30th The International Arms Trade
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Monarchs (ex 23rd Gypsies; 30th W B Years: The Last Romantic)
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 Five William Stories (ex 23rd and 30th Dangerous in Love)
30 Anything Goes

0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Good Books
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music
1000 News Summary followed by 9th The Art of the Weatherman; 16th Boy Soldiers; 23rd and 30th The International Arms Trade
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Health Matters
30 The Ken Bruce Show
1200 Newswatch
15 Novel Ideas
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Monarchs (ex 23rd Gypsies; 30th W B Years: The Last Romantic)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
45 My Grandfather (ex 30th Reading)
1500 Newswatch
15 A Question of Science (ex 2nd Feature)
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 9th and 16th Five William Stories; 23rd and 30th Dangerous in Love
30 Health Matters
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Quote, Unquote
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newswatch
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

1900 News Summary, followed by Outlook
25 Financial News
30 Network UK
45 Poems by Post (ex 30th W B Years: Readings from the Poems)
2000 World News
09 The World Today
25 Words of Faith
30 The Vintage Chart Show

FM Services

0600 Opening/Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News on FM Service
1340 Easy Listening
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Latin American
1800 Pops
1900 Helter Skelter
2000 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Jazz
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Listening
0200 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening/Holy Quran
1910 Bait-e-Nazam
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Islam aur Daur-e-Hazir
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Hamar Mehmaan
2100 Closedown

TENDER

ARCHICENTRE disclose their intention in inviting contractors to participate in the tender of the headquarters building's project for Kuwait Cement Company. The invitations will be extended to those contractors who are willing and qualified to participate in this tender as per the following:

- Contractors can purchase the tender documents from Archicentre Main Office at Anwar Al Sabah New Complex (Fahd Al Salem Street) Block 2A, 2nd Floor (Tel: 2414191-9 i.e nine lines) against a payment of KD200/- as of January 18, 1989 up to January 26, 1989.
- Contractors should submit their tenders within (40) days from the above-mentioned closing date (26.1.1989).
- The project is located in Murgab area — Al Haka roundabout
- The project consists of an eight storey building, in addition to a ground floor, mezzanine and basement.
- The total area of the project is around 6850m².

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.
Iwan Gallery
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmiya.
Ghadir Gallery
JAN 15-24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

THEATRE

Kuwait Players
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salmiya. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night including buffet. Jan 18 night including buffet. Jan 19/20 matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm). Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm. Jan 23: 5.30 pm: Mad-

hatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland, Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

Gujarati Drama
THE Gujarati community in Kuwait will hold a full-length (three-act) play to commemorate the Nehru Centenary in May. Gujarati-speaking Indians who are interested in acting or helping backstage are requested to call 5618413 (9 am to 1 pm) or 5653279 (4-7 pm) before Jan 25.

Konkani Drama
FEB 3: The New G.O.A. will present the Konkani drama "Ekuch Kazar", featuring M. Boyer, Betty Naz, Sabina, Rosario Dias and others, at the IAC. For reservations call 2402188.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Association
THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will organise drawing, story-telling and recitation competitions on the occasion of the Shahid Day (Martyrs Day). Only Bangladesh children up to the age of 15 are eligible to take part. Those who are interested contact any office bearer of the association or call Yusuf — Tel: 4314193.

Bharati Kalai Mandram
JAN 20: IAC, Funatees. The Bharati Kalai Mandram, a fine arts association of the Tamil-speaking community, will celebrate the Nehru centenary and Pongal, a harvest festival. A variety show featuring classical dances, drama and music will be held. For entry passes call 5331561.

Danish Meeting
JAN 20: Daniella will hold a desert picnic for all Danes from 10 am. For details call Karen-Marie — 3715146; Annette — 3723413.

Kuwait Caledonians
FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenn. Tel: 5335082, 5332235, 3727691 ext. 253.

Kuwait Rondels
FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondels Grand Ball 89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. For details call 5337597.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
JAN 16: First rehearsal starts at 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School, Salmiya. Thereafter, rehearsals will be held each Saturday and Monday. Past, current and new singers welcome. For details

phone 390-0922 or 538-4873.

HOTELS

At the Meridien
UNTIL JAN. 26: Apple promotion at Al Fingan Tea Lounge; items on the menu include cocktails, cakes and pies.

Every Sunday: Mexican Night at La Brasserie. A wide selection of Mexican dishes are offered; menu includes tacos, nachos, pascila and refried beans; live entertainment.

At the Ramada
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

At the Pullman
ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

At the Holiday Inn
Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic eastern cuisine; and listen to the music played by the Charbrian Trio. Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Continental
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At Messilah Beach
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the International
THE Spanish extravaganza continues at the Falaka Restaurant with Ballet Espanol, presented by the Pato de Alba trio. Spanish food is also featured. The Spanish gala with classical dances such as Flamenco will be held on Jan 19.



The Reverend Jesse Jackson: pushing towards equality

African-American is the new term

Black ain't beautiful anymore

By W.J. Weatherly

IT IS bad news for the media on both sides of the Atlantic. Millions of books, television documentaries and newspaper and magazine articles may be put out of date overnight, not to mention dictionaries and word games.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's support for the term "African-Americans" has led other prominent American black leaders to back it, too. To judge by what happened when "coloured" was changed to "negro" and then in the mid-Sixties to "black", a change to "African-Americans" now seems inevitable.

As soon as the term becomes official, everything using the word "black" will thus become dated. You can see the effect in reading the early work of a writer like James Baldwin whose life bridged all the previous changes.

His prose is still lively and vivid today, but when he refers to "negro", it instantly seems old-fashioned. Now this will happen

with the use of "black" in contemporary writing and TV programmes.

Jesse Jackson already has formidable backing from black — sorry, African-American — politicians like Ramona Edelin, the National Urban Coalition's president, and some academic departments in the universities already use the term. Jackson claimed that every ethnic group in the US has "a reference to some land base, some historical cultural base. African-Americans have hit that level of cultural maturity."

Right. He is right about other ethnic groups in that immigrants who used to describe themselves as merely European, for example, now often identify themselves more closely as Irish Americans, Polish Americans, Jewish Americans and so on, and have annual parades in the cities displaying their history.

The Rev. Willie Barrow, president of Operation Push, the self-help group started by Jesse Jackson in Chicago, said she would start using the term

"African-Americans" immediately.

Even some black leaders who thought such concentration on mere names was a sign of what had happened to the civil rights struggle, agreed to go along with the change claiming it would help to raise the consciousness of black Americans and stress their quality with other ethnic groups.

Only one black group has resisted all the changes, the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, and that is not expected to use the new term as it would mean changing its initials — NAACP — which have become famous with black Americans.

It remains to be seen whether a movement will now start in the US to change the term "white" which according to Jesse Jackson's argument based on physical appearance and background is just as "baseless". Inevitably, there is already talk about it. The year 1989 may become known as the time when both "black" and "white" became obsolete.

Scandal hits South Africa's neo-Nazis

By Michael Cadman

IN the eyes of South African neo-Nazis, to be a liberal journalist — even a white one — is little better than being a black.

So their movement is in a state of uproar at charges that their leader has been consorting with a blonde former model, now a gossip columnist for a leading liberal newspaper.

The paramilitary Afrikaans resistance movement (AWB), which espouses a puritanical philosophy of white family life and models itself on Hitler's Nazi party, has been almost torn asunder since four senior members called for the resignation of Eugene Terre Blanche, 47, the group's charismatic founder and leader, accusing him of drinking and dallying with 37-year-old Jani Allan of The Sunday Times, South Africa's largest national newspaper.

Terre Blanche immediately dismissed his accusers from the party after they made their charges public last week, and he is suing one of them for £25,000 damages.

The charges surfaced after Terre Blanche, who is married and has a daughter, was spotted with the glamorous columnist after dusk at the Paardekraal monument to Afrikaner nationalism, outside Johannesburg, by police investigating a complaint that he had forced his way through the fence.

Sympathetic Allan has written several sympathetic articles about Terre Blanche in her column, and rumours about their friendship have been circulating for months.

The two have often been seen together. But both deny that their relationship is anything other than professional. They claim the night-time rendezvous at the monument was arranged to allow journalists, including Allan, to photograph the AWB leader. No other journalists were present.

For the South African government, the ructions in the AWB are an unexpected cause for glee. The movement has links with the far-right Conservative Party (CP), the official parliamentary opposition, which has been making extensive electoral inroads into the ruling Nationalist Party's hold on the white electorate. Several Conservative members



'Liberal' gossip columnist Jani Allan, and Eugene Terre Blanche (inset) have caused a crisis in the neo-Nazi AWP in South Africa.

of parliament are also members of the AWB.

The government has also been under public pressure to deal with the movement since a white former policeman who claimed to belong to the AWB massacred seven blacks last November.

Many whites believe that if Terre Blanche — whose skills as a speaker and strong personality have boosted the AWB's growth — were forced out, the organisation would be severely weakened. Few others in the movement have the charisma to take over as leader, and none possesses Terre Blanche's ability to manipulate the crowds.

Terre Blanche, a stocky built man who was once a bodyguard of John Vorster, a former prime minister, has written several plays and books and breeds horses.

Criminal. His background includes a criminal record. In 1983 he was convicted on a charge of illegal possession of arms and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

suspended for five years. In the same year he was found guilty of malicious damage to property after his involvement in the tarring and feathering of a Pretoria professor who had suggested that the Day of the Vow, the Afrikaners' most sacred holiday, should not be treated as the Sabbath.

The AWB's goal is the establishment of a white, Boer nation with a strict puritanical ethic in the Transvaal, Orange Free State and Natal provinces. Terre Blanche uses this quest as a basis for lambasting the government, Jewish capitalists, the African National Congress and anyone else he disagrees with.

At AWB meetings the Nazi overtones are unmistakable. Large red banners with the AWB's swastika-like symbol are draped around the hall while Terre Blanche's brown-shirted, armed security men stand guard to attention awaiting the leader's arrival. The crowds chant "AWB, AWB" when he enters.



Terre Blanche usually starts his speeches slowly, reminding his audiences that true Afrikaners are God's chosen people. His voice rises to a crescendo as he makes his point, thumping the podium with a fist and wiping spittle from the corner of his mouth.

Terre Blanche has said publicly that the AWB is prepared to take up arms to "protect the rights of the Afrikaners" and has constantly boasted that the South African president, P. W. Botha, does not dare to step in. Now Botha has no need to intervene: he can sit back and watch the organisation founder on its own.



Popeye becomes a golden oldie

POPEYE the Sailor, loved by millions of children and adults worldwide, has joined the ranks of the golden oldies.

The suitor of Olive Oyl, scourge of Bluto and a character who could right many a wrong with one can of spinach and an accurate punch, is celebrating his 60th birthday.

And Popey's American owners plan to keep him firmly in the hearts of children on both sides of the Atlantic with a multi-million pound advertising campaign.

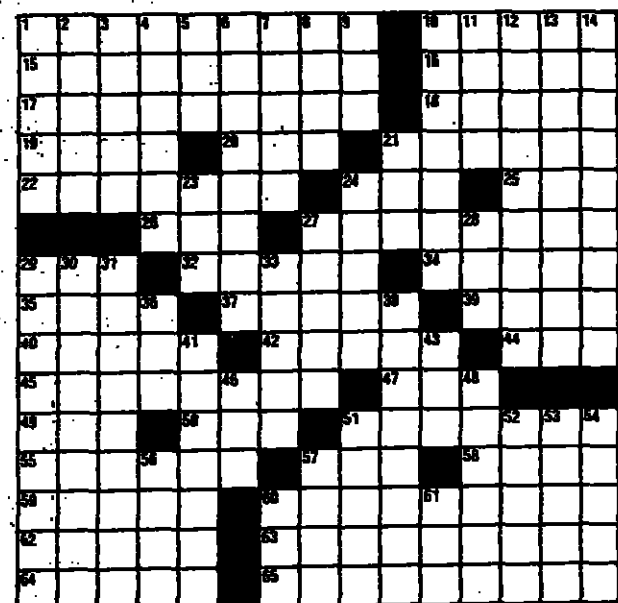
Popeye badges, T-shirts, pipes, special cans of Popeye spinach and videos of his adventures are being stockpiled for the celebrations, which they hope will go on all year.

King Features, of New York, has owned the rights to the cartoons since January 1929 when Elzie Crisler Segar first penned Popeye's immortal outline as an additional character to join Olive Oyl and Ham Gravy.

And he has become a national hero in America where he is seen as the symbol of everything the nation holds dear.

Popeye producer Robert Evans said: "Popeye is America. He's about humanity and morality. He's the little guy who isn't bright or handsome, but is proud of what he is."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Paraphrase
 - Sweet drinks
 - Governor
 - Interlace
 - On any and all occasions
 - Remainder: Fr.
 - Sisters
 - "had it"
 - Cartoon ghost
 - Cleavage
 - Transgression
 - Hole in one
 - US-Can. canals
 - Display cases
 - Coach
 - Paragon
 - Seed coating
 - Mild oaths
 - Presidential privileges
 - Urbane
 - S-shaped molding
 - Bone: Comb. form
 - Brain passages
 - Ms. people
 - Taints
 - Summer, in Paris
 - Santa — Calif.
 - Ascot
 - Rival
 - City on Puget Sound
 - Randy's skating partner
 - Amin et al.
 - Within: Prefix
 - Atoms
 - Indian, e.g.
 - Relieve
 - Wimp's relatives
 - Standstill
- DOWN**
- Fashion
 - Musical production
 - Representative

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
MAKE USE OF WHAT YOU KNOW

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 3
♥ A 8 2
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♠ K Q J 10
♥ 6 3
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ 9 6 4

EAST
♠ A 9 4 2
♥ 10 5 4
♦ A
♣ 8 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 5
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ K Q J 2
♣ A J

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♠

There is a reason why certain leads are standard. The play of any card promises particular holdings, and partner can make use of that information. If you play cards wily-nilly, he can never be sure what to do.

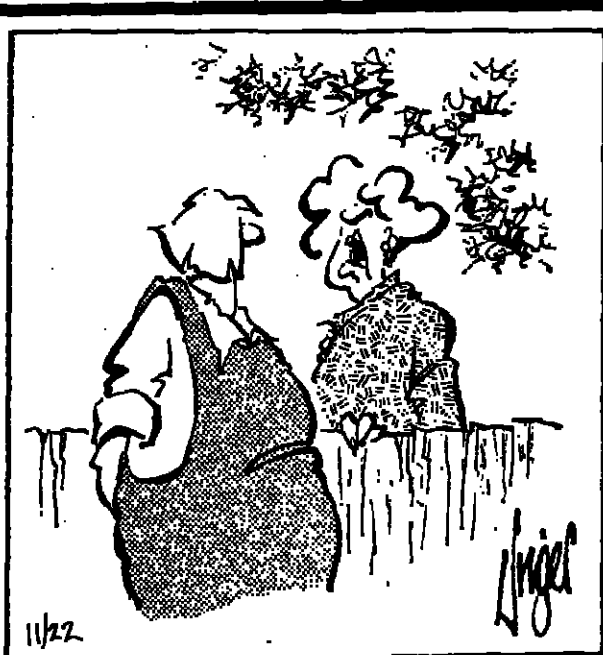
This hand from a team game illustrates how to make intelligent use of the information you have at your disposal. At both tables the final contract was four hearts, reached on

identical sequences. Since both pairs were playing five-card majors, both Norths raised hearts despite their flat hand.

The lead at the two tables was identical — the top of West's spade sequence. At the first table, East encouraged routinely with the nine. On the spade continuation, East completed his echo by dropping the two. Declarer ruffed the third spade, drew trumps and conceded a trick to the ace of diamonds — making four-odd.

At the other table, East made better use of the information available from the opening lead. On a power auction such as the above, West would not lead an unsupported king, so his lead had to be from the top of a sequence. As long as West held fewer than five spades, East realized that he could virtually guarantee the contract's defeat.

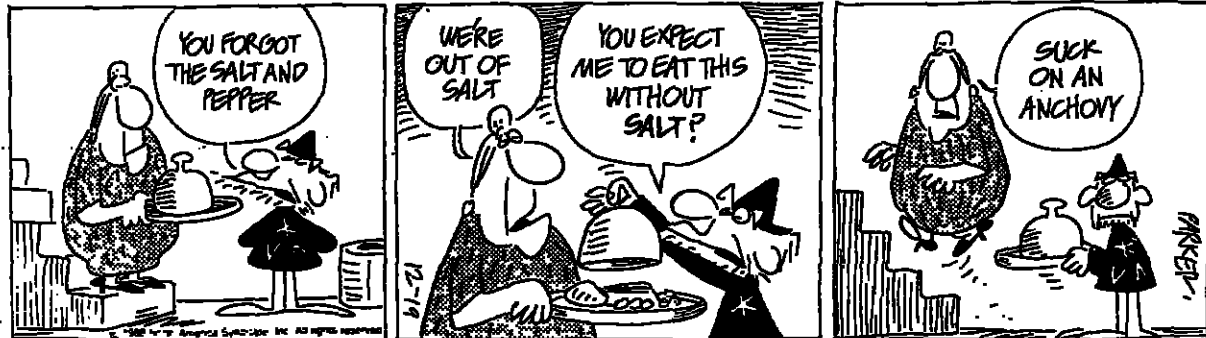
He overtook the king of spades with the ace and cashed the ace of diamonds. Then he returned the two of spades. It did not need a genius in the West seat to realize that his partner wanted to ruff a diamond — why else would he help declarer by releasing the ace of a side suit? So the defenders collected two spade tricks, a diamond and a ruff for a one-trick set.



"My birthday surprise was walking into the kitchen and finding the toaster on fire."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will be better able to keep expenditure within reasonable limits. You should not try to postpone a matter that is becoming urgent. Avoid doing anything injurious to your health. Be polite.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You must avoid taking advantage of someone else's slip of the tongue, instead draw his attention to it. You should not expect everything to go your own way. Be punctual.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will be able to do something to increase harmony with your partner. Something, that has been mystifying you will now become much clearer. Mars' influence will help you to spot a mistake. Be fair.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will be able to learn more quickly than others, but others may resent the fact. You will have the wind in your sails but must make sure you are heading in the right direction. Do not let anyone pull the wool over your eyes.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Jupiter will help you to deal with a personal matter. You should not allow some detail to take up too much of your time.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You will have a good opportunity but it will quickly pass and may pass you by. Instead of malevolence you should show a little more goodwill. Your ingenuity will help you to deal with a difficult situation. Be less obstructive.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will tend to get into an argument and should do your best to terminate it. Prospects at work are better only you must continue to work hard. Avoid spending money on the spur of the moment. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You should allow a little more give and take instead of trying to have everything your own way. You should not lose faith in yourself. Avoid trying too fast and do not run across the road. Be respectful.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You should not waste time regretting what might have been. You will be faced with an important decision but you will also know how to deal with it. You should keep your wits very much about you. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will have a good idea but others may not think so. You should seek not to allow your emotions to get out of hand. Take care you do not exceed any speed limits. Be more content.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should try to exercise a little more self-control. You will be more persuasive and your charm will help you to stay out of trouble. You must avoid doing anything too outrageous. Be frank.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will be able to learn more the correct conclusion. There will be a few more doors open to you but you should beware of running them down. Do not ask for more than you deserve. Be less haughty.</p>

Refugee camp doctor haunted by guilt

By Mary Kemp

IN the peace of a cosy flat in Amsterdam, Dr Pauline Cutting, heroine of a Palestinian refugee camp siege, cuddles her new baby. And feels daily pangs of guilt.

Guilt at exposing her unborn child to tear gas, which could have caused a miscarriage, when she was working in a village on the occupied West Bank.

Guilt, too, at being happy, safe and well fed when she remembers pregnant Palestinian refugees women begging in vain for food at her hospital.

The very fact that four-week-old Tim is happy, and glowing with chubby health makes the memory of the horrors Pauline saw and experienced even more poignant.

She and her husband Ben, who fell in love amid the death, suffering and destruction of that siege, are eager to go back to carry on their mission. But now both know they must put Tim first.

Although when he is old enough, Pauline — who was awarded the Order of the British Empire by the Queen for her courageous work — will return to the unhappy land she loves so much.

But she will never forget the day she was gassed. And neither will 36-year-old Ben who, ironically, had been studying the terrible effect tear gas can have on expectant mothers.

Sitting in her simply furnished living-room, 36-year-old Pauline, told me: "I was ten weeks pregnant. I was visiting a village on the occupied West

The doctor who won an O.B.E. for her courage in war-torn Lebanon believes she put her unborn baby at risk from tear-gas. Now she has a bouncing healthy baby... but can't forget the pregnant Palestinian women who begged her in vain for food.

Bank, which had been under curfew for six weeks. Israeli soldiers wouldn't allow anyone to leave.

"This meant they had run out of medical supplies, so we had been asked to go and advise the villagers how to set up a first aid centre.

"One morning some boys started throwing stones at the troops. The Israelis retaliated by hurling tear gas back. "We saw the smoke and people running. Then I suddenly got a whiff of the gas myself. It was horrible, I felt choked, I had to close my eyes and it was very disorientating. All I wanted to do was get away."

Pauline, whose once gaunt face has filled out again went on: "An old woman brought us out a plate of raw onion. She said it would help if we breathed in its strong smell. But all I could think about was the baby."

"I felt poisoned, it was a terrible feeling. I was pregnant and there was no going back. And I felt guilty that I'd exposed my baby."

Then, as little Tim snuggled happily into his mother's shoulder, Pauline told me about the other great guilt that haunts her. She can never forget the pregnant Palestinian women she left behind.

She remembers every day

their gaunt bodies and grotesquely swollen stomachs. Pauline told me so softly how they used to beg for food at the hospital at Bourj Al Barajneh. This was the place in which she worked for five horrific months when it was under siege.

It still hurts Pauline very much to talk about these, starving pregnant women. She says quietly: "During the siege they looked awful. The unborn babies kept on growing, leaving little nourishment for their mothers."

"When they came to the kitchen windows at the hospital and begged for food, it was one of the few times I cried. But we didn't even have any leftovers to give them."

"Since I've given birth to my healthy baby, I've thought about those mothers a lot."

During the siege, Pauline kept herself alive by eating cats and dogs. Others at the camp were poisoned when they ate weeds. But now, as Pauline and husband, medical student Ben Alofs, eat good, Dutch food, he too feels the same guilt as she.

Ben, who was a nurse at the camp, told me: "When we were tear-gassed in the village I felt stupid and irresponsible that I'd let Pauline be exposed to the dangers. I knew what effects

tear gas could have on pregnant women and their unborn babies.

"As a student in Amsterdam, I had done some research into tear gas. And I had studied a lot more since I'd gone to Beirut and seen the effects for myself."

"I knew at the time, that people had died because of massive exposures to tear gas. I knew it could cause abnormalities, miscarriages and late foetal deaths."

"And I also knew that babies like my own had died. So I was really worried."

But Dutch Ben and Pauline from Maidenhead, Berkshire were lucky. Although they didn't know it for several worrying months.

Amniocentesis

Pauline explained: "After the tear gas incident I had an amniocentesis, a test to make sure my baby was healthy. This was particularly important because I was older than the normal expectant mother. Then I had an ultra scan. There is no test available to show if you are carrying an abnormal baby because of the effects of tear gas."

Pauline and Ben continued their work on the occupied West Bank for another month before they returned to Amsterdam. Then came happiness and relief from the black cloud of worry. Pauline gave birth to a 7lb. 4 oz. (3.2 kg) baby boy. They also gave their son Timothy the Palestinian name Ammar.

Now that she is a mother, Pauline's outlook on her work has changed. Although she is still determined to go back to Beirut and the war-stricken people she loves so much, she

says they will wait until Tim is old enough to go to school there.

She told me: "We both feel a burning desire to go back and work in Lebanon. But Ben is now studying to be a doctor, which could take as long as six years."

"It also depends on whether we can find a reasonable school for Tim. Though I know there is an international one in Beirut."

Ben adds: "I think people here have this picture of Lebanon as being only a big, nasty place. But it's not always so bad."

"I agree there would be some risk in going back, but then you could get run over by a bus here, right outside your own door."

"We still see our future working in the Third World, preferably in the Middle East in either Lebanon, Gaza or the Occupied West Bank. We are medical workers, that is our job."

Both Pauline and Ben lost their hearts to the strife-torn, unhappy war zone. But they also found love and happiness there.

Death

Pauline explained how the death and destruction of the refugee camp had at first seemed an unlikely setting for a love affair.

She said: "It wasn't a very romantic time. The work was long and hard. We were filthy dirty, thin, tired, cold and feeling like lead."

"But our love for one another helped us to get through our ordeal."

"Ben and I had met once before, on the stairs at a mutual friend's house in London. But it



Dr Pauline Cutting, heroine of a Palestinian refugee camp with her husband, a medical student, and their child.

wasn't until we were in the refugee camp that we got to know each other.

"Ben was a nurse and ran the first aid clinic, while I worked in the hospital. During the siege we all mucked in together."

Wedding

Back in Amsterdam, Pauline and Ben had a quiet wedding in a register office. Pauline says: "It was a secret. No parents or relatives — just the two of us, two witnesses and a friend. I felt I'd been to enough big do's."

After she was awarded the OBE, Pauline was invited to lunch with the Queen. She recalls: "The next day I wrote

her a letter to say how strange it had been. One minute I had been turning away starving beggars, the next I was dining in a palace."

And the little flat in Amsterdam — just 100 yards from the historic house where Anne Frank's family hid from the Germans — is far from being a palace, too.

Pauline told me: "This is only a temporary home. We've bought our own house not far from here. But it's in a bad state and needs a lot of work before we can move in."

Although Pauline and Ben have postponed their mission to the Middle East, they will

soon be paying a short visit to the camp where they knew both anguish and happiness.

The couple will be visiting Bourj Al Barajneh for a summer holiday next year, taking Tim with them. Pauline explains: "I've got so many friends — doctors, nurses and patients — and all the locals I want to see."

"I write to some of them, but I want to take my son to see them. But we'll only go back if the situation is reasonably quiet."

And, by making that sentimental journey, Pauline and Ben might lose those pangs of guilt at last.

By Marc Kemmis

A MOTORCYCLE accident on a quiet Dorset country road in 1935 ended the 47-year life of one of the most fascinating and enigmatic figures in 20th century history. The victim was T.E. Lawrence.

"Lawrence of Arabia" — born 100 years ago. The centenary is being marked by an exhibition in the National Portrait Gallery in London, the most comprehensive exhibition ever on his life and achievements.

Born in Tremadoc, North Wales, Lawrence spent most of his childhood in Oxford, then attended the university's Jesus College, obtaining a first-class degree in modern history in 1910. Oxford's first post-Reformation college, Jesus was nominally founded by Elizabeth I, and has a fine Zuccheri portrait of the monarch.

After Oxford, Thomas Edward Lawrence began a career as an archaeologist, working on excavations in northern Syria. With the outbreak of World War I, his Middle East knowledge was put to use in military intelligence in Cairo. In 1916 he was made liaison officer to Emir Feisal, son of the Sherif of Makkah, and for two years he played a significant role in fomenting the insurrection against the Turks in the Arab tribes.

Disillusioned
After the war, he returned to Oxford with a research fellowship to All Souls, and began work on his monumental book on the desert war. The *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*. In 1921, he was called in as a political adviser on Middle East affairs by the Colonial Office, but within a year became disillusioned by British policy, and left. Months later he joined the Royal Air Force under the names "Ross", was discharged a year later when his identity was revealed, went into the Royal Tank Corps, then returned to the RAF in 1925 after changing his name to "Shaw".

While a private soldier in the

Exhibit marks 'Lawrence of Arabia' centenary From desert to Dorset



T.E. Lawrence's effigy in a Wareham church. And (inset) without his Arab headgear.

Tank Corps at Bovington Camp, Dorset, Lawrence rented Clouds Hill, a cottage near Wool, nine miles from Dorchester, as he needed somewhere to revise the text of "Seven Pillars." Later he bought it, carried out improvements, and it became his home. He wrote: "Wild mares would not at present take me away from Clouds Hill. It is an earthy paradise, and I am staying here until I feel qualified for it." Five days later came the fatal accident, as he was motorcycling from Bovington to his tiny cottage.

The cottage containing his furniture, photographs, and other relics, is now in the care of the National Trust; it is open to the public from April to September. The Greek phrase over the door was inscribed by Lawrence in 1924, and he freely translated it as "Why Worry?", or "Nothing



Matters."

Bovington Camp is today the Tank Museum, open all year, with 180 armoured fighting vehicles, of various nationalities, from 1915 onwards.

Dorset, which Lawrence got to know well, is the heart of Hardy Country; he also knew Thomas Hardy (1840-1928), and often motorcycled from Clouds Hill to visit the writer in Dorchester ("Casterbridge" in the novels).

On one occasion, he even persuaded a reluctant Mrs Hardy to take a ride on the pillion! Hardy's birthplace, another small cottage in National Trust care, is three miles from the town; and Dorchester's County Museum has a recreation of Hardy's study, with many personal items.

Statue

The town's statue of Hardy was the work of Eric Kennington — the artist who was also a friend of Lawrence, and illustrated the *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*. Lawrence is buried in the parish churchyard at Moreton, near Clouds Hill, but it was in partly-Saxon St Martin's Church, which Lawrence often visited at nearby Wareham, that you can see his superb memorial effigy — in Arab dress, clutching a dagger and with his head resting on a camel saddle — sculpted by Kennington from a three-ton piece of Portland stone.

Seven months after his death, a memorial service for Lawrence was held in St Paul's Cathedral, London, when a bust — modelled from life by Kennington in 1926 — was unveiled. It is in the capital that the major centenary exhibition takes place, at the National Portrait Gallery near Trafalgar Square.

It looks at all aspects of his life through a wealth of documentary material, and includes several important portraits — among them works by Augustus John, Kennington and William Rothenstein — which have never been displayed together.

There are paintings connected with Lawrence's time in the Middle East; original illustrations for "Seven Pillars"; Lawrence's Arab robes; his own photographs, manuscripts and memorabilia — and one of his motorcycles.

'Dragon lady' Nancy bowing out in style

By Helen Thomas

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Nancy Reagan is leaving the White House after eight years with the nation's gratitude for her high-profile campaign to combat drug use among youth.

The First Lady gave hundreds of speeches, interviews, and broadcasts and visited schools and treatment centres across the country to promote her anti-drug crusade. "Every mile, every meeting was worth it," she said.

Her effort to get young people to "Just say no to drugs" did not solve the problem, but it raised the consciousness of parents and students.

Nancy did not have an easy time of it in the beginning of her husband's administration. She had to learn that first ladies can't just sit there; that they have to "do" something; that they can make things happen when they show an interest and dedication to a cause.

Public life

When the 67-year-old First Lady thought she knew what it was like to be in public life when she moved to the White House. After all, she was married to a man who had been a Hollywood actor and Governor of California. But she soon learned that it was not enough to be a dedicated, loyal, protective wife of a president. Much more was expected.

There is no question that her first year was the hardest. She was depicted as a matron who cared only about an haute couture wardrobe, who purchased expensive new china for the White House with donations from wealthy friends.

Then, less than three months after the inauguration and while she groped with her new role, the president was shot in the chest in an assassination attempt. The shock, the worry, added to her already immense insecurity and she may have wondered whether it was worth it all.

Decided

Since then, she clearly has decided that it has been an experience that, she says, "I wouldn't trade for even extra years added to my life."

In the weeks and months that followed, there was a command decision in the White House to turn her negative public image around. In making the battle against drugs her prime project, she transformed the perception of herself and made a meteoric climb in popularity polls.

"I was completely unprepared for the intense security," she said in a speech last June, "and I was even more unprepared for some of the outrageous and silly things I'd read about myself in the papers."

"Some are plain wrong. Some are half-truths or complete exaggerations. Some are correct... amusing... maddening. Still others hurt. What I've learned is you never stop being hurt by stories, but you do stop being surprised."

Through the years Nancy self-confidence and influence grew and added a new dimension to

the First Lady. She also became more powerful. During the first term her pipeline to the Oval Office doings was through Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, a close confidant.

Antennae

She wanted to make sure that the President was not over-worked or overscheduled. She also felt that she had better antennae where the staff was concerned, and in an interview with The Los Angeles Times she said, without naming names, that some of his staff did not serve him well.

Nancy not only was concerned with her husband's well being, but gradually became more involved in his place in history. She urged him to take a softer line toward the Soviet Union, and probably more than anyone else helped to nudge him into the role of peacemaker — the most positive aspect of his presidency and his legacy in history.

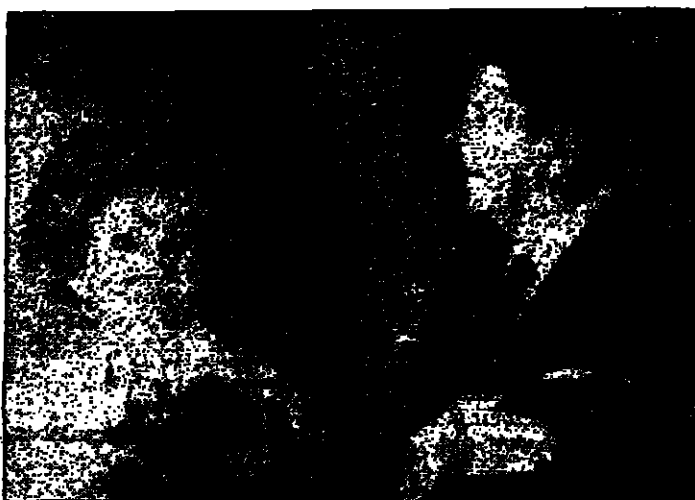
She encouraged his summit meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, but found herself at sword's points in competition for the limelight with Raisa Gorbachev.

More recently they have smoothed over their differences and probably will visit each other in Moscow and Los Angeles.

When 1984 came along and the President, seeking re-election, flubbed the first debate with Democratic candidate Walter Mondale, Nancy hit the ceiling.

"They over-programmed him," she later said. "They'd given him too much information. It was a terrible debate." After her intervention, she recalled: "The second one (debate) was great."

Her lack of rapport with White House Chief of Staff Donald



First Lady Nancy looks fondly at her husband after their triumphant Moscow visit.

Regan was well publicised, and after a relentless campaign she managed to depose Regan, a move she felt was necessary to put the President on the right track after the Iran-Contra scandal.

During the scandal she was the rock of Gibraltar, speaking out for the president who was isolated from the press, and calling on ousted National Security Adviser John Poindexter and his deputy, Oliver North, to tell all. In many ways, she may have helped him to survive the biggest debacle of his presidency.

Criticised
Nancy was criticized by several columnists when she moved against Regan. She was called Lady Macbeth and the Dragon Lady.

Later, Regan got his revenge in his memoirs by revealing that Nancy regularly consulted a San Francisco astrologist who advised her about the timing for her husband's travels and activities.

She has said that "No matter what is written about her... any First Lady must be a stonewall, and is 'first of all a wife.'"

For doing what she has thought was right in terms of

their lives and the protective attitude toward her husband, Nancy has said on several occasions she has "no apologies."

She suffered another blow when Time magazine published an account of the clothes that she borrowed from high fashion designers, many of which were not returned despite her promise to do so. The designers spoke out in her behalf and praised her for being a walking model.

In speaking of the White House, she said: "We had lived a public life most of our adult lives but there is nothing to prepare you for this. You live a magnified life, which means the highs are higher, the lows are lower, with every move you make exaggerated by the tremendous scrutiny of the media. It is a high wire existence."

Illness

During their White House years, the Reagans had their share of illnesses. Two years after the President had his colon cancer operation, the First Lady underwent a mastectomy and had her left breast removed after a tiny cancerous tumour was discovered. She underwent some of her most difficult times during the deaths of her parents, to whom she was very attached.

Although the Reagans have stressed the joys of family life in American society, their own children have shunned the White House, or not intruded, depending on the point of view.

The Reagans have been a couple unto themselves. Their children, all grown, have gone their separate ways, and their daughter, Patti, has been estranged from the family for the past few years, which is a source of pain to Nancy.

The First Lady has received many farewell tributes in recent months. She does not plan to rest on her laurels when her White House days are over. She will work on her memoirs, sold with a multimillion-dollar advance, and she will continue to work for a drug-free America.

So to her it's been "a wonderful existence," but she says, "you have to learn to live in the White House. In looking back, I was terribly naive."

In summing up, she said "a first lady genuinely has the power to make a difference. Well, I am very happy because over these past eight years in the White House, I have found how to serve. And for that I will be forever grateful to the American people."



Nancy Reagan enjoys herself in front of the 'Samson and the Lion' fountain in Leningrad, USSR.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By Dr Allan Bruckheim

QUESTION: I know it must be a common complaint, but I'm always tired. I am not sure what type of doctor to see, or what could be done, so I thought I'd ask you first.

ANSWER: Physicians hear the complaint of fatigue very frequently. In fact, it ranks No. 7 in the list of physical complaints.

The first step is to see a family physician, but you'll be better prepared for your visit if you do a bit of homework first. Try asking yourself a few questions because the answers will be revealing and will help your physician zero in on the possible causes of your problem.

Are you really getting enough sleep? When the body does not have the rest it needs, fatigue is the result, and it's easy to overlook this most important clue. Reflect on your patterns of sleep, or difficulty in falling to sleep, and be prepared to discuss this with your physician.

Are you taking any medications, including over the counter preparations? Make a list of all of them; they may be the cause of abnormal fatigue. Have you given up smoking? If not, your body is not able to use your

oxygen intake properly, and you lose a bit of your vitality.

How is your emotional life? If there are reasons for feeling blue — a lost job, a broken relationship — then emotional stress and possibly depression can be the root of fatigue. Have you abandoned your plans for a rational exercise programme? If your job is one that requires you to remain planted at a desk, then the need for some planned exercise is a priority.

There are many more items we could discuss here, but I'm hoping you will have a full physical examination and an intensive history taking session with your own doctor. Medical problems such as diabetes, endocrine disorders and hidden infections also can bring about the symptoms you describe. Once the cause is established, there is much that can be accomplished to alleviate your present condition.

ACROSS MY DESK: Time is running out for volunteers to enroll in one of the most important studies in the history of diabetes research. Enrollment in the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, which could change the way diabetes is

traditionally treated, is scheduled to end Feb. 28, 1989. To be considered for participation, individuals must have had insulin-dependent diabetes for less than five years, be taking no more than two insulin shots a day and be between the ages of 13 and 39.

The trial is being sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and compares the success of two methods of insulin treatment in preventing or slowing the development of diabetic complications such as kidney and cardiovascular disease, as well as damage to the eyes and nervous system.

Eligible volunteers who are randomly assigned to either a "standard" or "intensive" treatment plan, receive expert medical care at no cost. If you are a potential candidate, call 800-522-DCCT in the United States or 800-533-DCCT in Canada. An interactive system will ask you three screening questions. If you meet preliminary qualifications you will be sent further information on the DCCT, including all the locations of participating clinical centres.

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FATIGUE COULD HAVE MANY CAUSES

By Louis Weinstein
and Seth Rolbein

WHILE the season of colds and flu is not marked on any calendar, it arrives just as surely as winter. Yet, as common as these ailments are, misunderstandings about them, how we catch them, whether they can be avoided, and how best to treat them — still abound.

Q: Is it possible for a person to go through adult life and never have a cold?

A: I wish it were! But, regardless of age, I'm afraid we're always susceptible to colds.

Q: What exactly is a cold?

A: It's a colloquial term for



what doctors call an "upper respiratory infection" caused by a virus. What that means is that only the upper respiratory system is affected — the nose, the throat (which may become sore), the sinuses (which may be clogged). And the cold-sufferer usually has a low-grade fever as well.

Q: So doctors know the cause of the cold?

A: Sure. The viruses responsible for the common cold have been identified. They're called rhinoviruses, and there are over 100 types.

Q: There's nothing about that description that says the outside air temperature has anything to do with getting a cold. Does it?

A: No. Colds do occur seasonally, but it's not related to temperature. Yet most of these kinds of infections seem to appear in

the colder months.

Q: Why is that?

A: No one really knows. Perhaps because people tend to congregate indoors more in winter, so if someone does have a cold you're likely to be exposed to it.

Q: Speaking of exposure, is there now an accepted view about the way colds are usually transmitted?

A: Oh yes, they're respiratorily transmitted — the viruses travel through the air. Sitting within, say, two or three feet of someone who talks or coughs in your direction is the surest way of catching a cold.

Q: What about hand-to-hand contact? Say you touch a doorknob that someone with a cold has touched and then you put your hand to your face?

A: It's unlikely you'll catch a cold that way. Sure, if you use a handkerchief someone has sneezed or coughed into, you're liable to pick up the virus. But far and away, person-to-person contact, through the air, is the way we catch colds.

Q: Would masks help? We've all seen pictures from Japan of people walking around wearing surgical masks. Is that a legitimate preventive?

A: Absolutely. Provided they're wearing the right kind of masks. Doctors used to wear cloth masks, which get wet within five minutes from moisture in the breath and then they're not so effective. Today there are tighter masks that are better. In fact doctors wear them all the time on the hospital wards if they have a cold, or see a patient who is immunosuppressed.

Q: One last question on exposure — there's a common belief that the most "contagious" time for a person with a cold or flu is before the symptoms appear. Is that true?

A: It's true in some viral dis-

eases. It may be true a day or two before you come down with a cold because the virus is already incubating. But really, people are most contagious once they've developed symptoms, because that's the time they're shedding virus and transmitting it by coughing and sneezing.

Q: Just what do those symptoms mean in terms of what's going on inside the body?

A: They are the result of an inflammation in the nose and throat. That leads to two main things: One, you get some fever. And two, because of the irritation you have a "runny" nose. Your eyes are wet, you sneeze and cough.

Q: People often think that these symptoms mean your body is "fighting back" against the virus. Is that true?

A: Not really. Your body is fighting back immediately, the body begins to produce antibodies to fight off the virus. Maybe in two or three days you're able to quench the active virus and in two or three weeks you have enough antibody to protect you against reinfection by the same virus should you encounter it again. But this idea that the symptoms are caused by your fighting off the cold is just not so — they're caused by the irritation of the virus itself.

Q: "Flu season" also arrives in the colder months. What's the real difference between these two common infections?

A: First, they are caused by different viruses. Colds are caused by the so-called rhinoviruses, while flu is caused by definite influenza viruses. Also, flu is generally more severe because it involves the whole respiratory tract — the trachea, the bronchi (though not the lungs), as well as the upper tract. But not all flu is overwhelmingly bad. If it is mild, it can produce sickness that looks like the common cold.

Q: Is there anything a parent can do to break that cycle?

A: Not as long as your child goes to school.

Q: Do you think parents should begin to wonder about psy-



Children, as a matter of fact, tend to get influenza that's pretty mild, and it may be mistaken for a cold because all they have are upper respiratory symptoms — a sore throat and cough.

Q: If both colds and flu are caused by viruses, why are flu so much more stubborn and dangerous than colds?

A: Some viruses just are more dangerous than others. In the case of flu, more of the respiratory system is involved, which makes the infection worse.

Q: I think any parents with school-age children will tell you that as soon as school starts, the children are inundated with colds and flu. Is this a coincidence of the season or a real cause-and-effect situation?

A: Oh no, this is a real situation. And the reasons are clear: small children are pretty much protected from exposure. Once they go to school, though, they have contact with many youngsters, with a lot of viral and bacterial infections. They're not immune to most of what they're exposed to in school, so one child infects another, then another and so on — until school is over.

Q: Is there anything a parent can do to break that cycle?

A: Not as long as your child goes to school.

Q: Do you think parents should begin to wonder about psy-



chological problems if they see their children getting sick over and over?

A: No. Parents do think there's something wrong when their children get so many infections, but the simple reason is that children are exposed to all kinds of infections, especially in school, and because they are virgin territory, they're going to get sick.

But parents might worry about the psychological impact of frequent illness on the child: he's kept out of school, he feels lousy, he can't play with the other children, he's sort of divorced from his home environment, and all that has some effect on growing children. But unfortunately, children have to go through a series of viral infections as they grow up.

Q: Once the children are sick, the parents also come down with illness they haven't gotten in 20 years. Is there any way to stop these infections from taking over your home?

A: Not entirely. You can't avoid being exposed to the airborne germs. But after you've been in close contact with your child — wiping her nose or giving her medication — wash your hands immediately. It's only a slight nuisance and it will at least hold down the contagion.

Q: But there's no diet or life-

style that you recommend as a cold preventive?

A: None that I know of. Believe me, if there were, I'd adopt it myself because of the kind of work I do — Where I come in contact with a lot of infections.

Q: How about vitamin C?

A: While some patients say with complete assurance that if they take vitamin C they don't get colds, the evidence is very, very slim. A good paper in the *New England Journal of Medicine* a few years ago reported a carefully controlled experiment that showed there was absolutely no difference in the course of a cold or the prevention of a cold with or without vitamin C.

Q: How about some of the homeopaths' remedies? For example, "feed a cold, starve a fever" — is there any merit to it?

A: None that I know of.

Q: Chicken soup?

A: Chicken soup is being advertised as good for everything. There is some evidence that it makes people feel better, but it's very uncontrolled evidence.

Q: What about drinking lots of liquids?

A: Well, many people think that drinking glasses and glasses of water or tea with lemon — as their grandmother made for

them — will alter the course of their disease. It won't — but it may make them more comfortable.

Q: Do over-the-counter remedies — cough syrups, antihistamines, decongestants — help?

A: There's no purely scientific evidence that any of these over-the-counter remedies influences the course of a cold. The infection lasts for three or four days and goes away, and it goes away because the body develops enough antibody to quench the active virus. But these medications may make you feel better, allow you to carry on or get some rest.

Q: Many people wonder: just when do you call a doctor if you have what seems to be a cold or the flu?

A: I ask my patients to call me whenever they're sick. And then I make a decision about whether they should be seen. But I think anybody with a cold or flu should call the doctor if her temperature hits 101 or 102 because there then might be a secondary problem, such as sinusitis — an inflammation of the sinuses from all the irritation of the virus — or even pneumonia.

Q: Do you ever treat influenza or colds with antibiotics?

A: No. Many patients want and expect antibiotics, but these drugs kill bacteria, not viruses. The only thing is that a patient must be watched closely to see that a secondary infection doesn't develop.

Q: What about children — it seems that paediatricians prescribe a lot of antibiotics?

A: I think what happens is that children with colds or flu often develop earaches. These are not necessarily infections — sometimes the eardrum becomes retracted because air is sucking out of the inner ear. But because repeated episodes of ear infection in children can lead to deaf-

ness, paediatricians tend to treat all these earaches with antibiotics in case there is an active infection going on. I don't condone this approach, but I can see why paediatricians do it and why parents are very anxious once a child begins to complain of pain in the ears.

Q: Is there any danger to waiting to see if a bacterial infection develops in a patient before giving antibiotics?

A: No. If anything, there are risks to dispensing too many antibiotics for no apparent reason. A different infection might develop. Also, the body's own immune system might not build antibodies as well, which means that the same virus might



make you sick again in the future.

Q: What about another common medication — aspirin?

A: For most of us, an aspirin tablet or two is not a problem if it makes you feel better. But for some people — those who are at risk of bleeding, including pregnant women — aspirin is risky. There are good alternatives, such as acetaminophen. And because of the risk of Reye's syndrome, children with flu-like symptoms (and that includes colds) should never take aspirin.

Q: Is there any chance that someday we'll have a vaccine against the common cold?

A: Well, we've already discovered over 100 types of viruses that cause colds, and they are genetically different enough so that finding a single vaccine for all of them is very questionable.

By Kate Saunders

THE outspoken doctor whose proposals for pig organ transplants for humans rocked the medical world is now saving more lives with a controversial kidney swap scheme.

Thousands of people already wait for a kidney transplant. But for being

52-year-old, Michael Bewick is boldly breaking down barriers in the emotionally charged field of kidney transplantation.

But in his mission to find kidneys to replace failed organs and prevent patients from dying, even Mr Bewick's own life has been threatened.

When he leaked the news that he was in favour of transplanting pig's kidneys into people when no human ones were available, Mr Bewick received telephone threats in the dead of night from animal liberation fanatics.

But he continued his vital work regardless. And now Mr Bewick, who lives near the hospital where he works in Dulwich, south London, is urging kidney swaps between families — and not just close blood relatives. He believes that cousins, aunts, uncles or spouses should be asked to swap kidneys.

"We need to save lives now," says Mr Bewick. "Some people have 'got a cat in hell's chance' of getting a new kidney to stay alive because there just aren't enough to go round."

The determined, beady-eyed Mr Bewick has carried out a staggering 2,000 kidney transplants, upholding a family tradition of medicine. He is currently carrying out about one transplant a week on private patients mainly from abroad who are members of the same family.

Michael Bewick is not only known for his outspoken views on obtaining more kidneys to meet the growing demand. Other doctors, he says, think he is a little mad because of the long hours he puts into his job.

He will think nothing of working through a night, a day and another night without sleep, occasionally taking a ten-minute catnap. A sense of urgency fuels the tireless surgeon's life-or-death tasks. He knows that death does not discriminate.

He remembers how horrified he was by the "God Round" as a junior doctor in one of London's top hospitals.

He explains: "Doctors would walk round the ward, judging who would have a kidney transplant, who would go on a dialysis machine — or who wouldn't do either. And that would be just tough on them."

"I used to think, 'Why can't more kidneys be found, or more machines bought?' I was horrified."

Mr Bewick recalls the case of one young man who needed a transplant. The teenager was fresh out of Borsari, a centre for young criminals, and had not

Pig kidney transplant doctor causes a fresh controversy



Michael Bewick: his own life has been threatened by animal liberation fanatics

been taking the doctors' advice on his medicine. Some doctors didn't want to bother giving him a new kidney — and so saving his life — but Mr Bewick insisted.

Now the grateful transplant patient has a happy, settled family life and a steady job. Mr Bewick says: "All he needed was for someone to take an interest in him. But those same sort of decisions are still being taken today."

"One well known consultant working in London said he would only do a transplant for someone who would be of use to the community. But who can judge that? These people have the law of life and death in their hands."

Mr Bewick can think of nothing worse than playing God — mainly because he has never forgotten a heart-rending experience in which he nearly condemned someone to death.

It was the case of a boy who demonstrated all that could be wrong with someone medically and still survive. He was born with the crippling condition of spina bifida. And when the boy's kidney began to fail, doctors put him on a dialysis machine.

But problems developed. The boy became stone deaf, developed infections, was bedridden and suffering from bedsores.

Gradually, doctors began to realise that on dialysis his life was slipping away. So they asked Mr Bewick to give him a new kidney — although at that time, several years ago, 30 per cent of patients died of infection after the operation.

Mr Bewick says: "It was the only chance he had. At first I wouldn't do it. I thought they must be mad to want to cause more suffering."

But he did. And now the patient they thought would never survive has completed a law degree, writes articles for top newspapers and is busy raising funds for the hospital.

Mr Bewick says: "I still keep in touch with the person I thought I would kill by operating on. He's very glad to be alive."

While wishing to increase the number of live donors, Mr Bewick never ceases to admire the bravery relatives of a dying person show when asked to approve the donation of organs.

Speed is essential — kidney has to be removed not more than an hour after the heart has stopped.

Mr Bewick says: "I think death is awful and the sorrow of relatives is awful. Yet you have to say to people, 'I know you've just lost your brother or sister or wife, but can I have their bits?' In the midst of their sorrow they are so brave."

But he stresses that because 80 per cent of people in Britain want their kidneys used after death, doctors should not fail in their duty of ensuring the organs are available for a transplant minutes after their patients die. Otherwise, says Mr Bewick, they are medically negligent.

And he laughs off an article in a British Sunday newspaper which billed him as a "vulture" and accused him of hovering around intensive care wards

waiting for people to die.

As for the media storm over the proposals for pig organ transplants — which led to his resignation from the research team for spilling the beans too early — he shrugs and says: "What is controversial today could be an everyday thing tomorrow."

"It makes perfect sense. You and I are vertical pigs really, our kidneys work in the same way. The food we eat is even similar, except that theirs is all munched up."

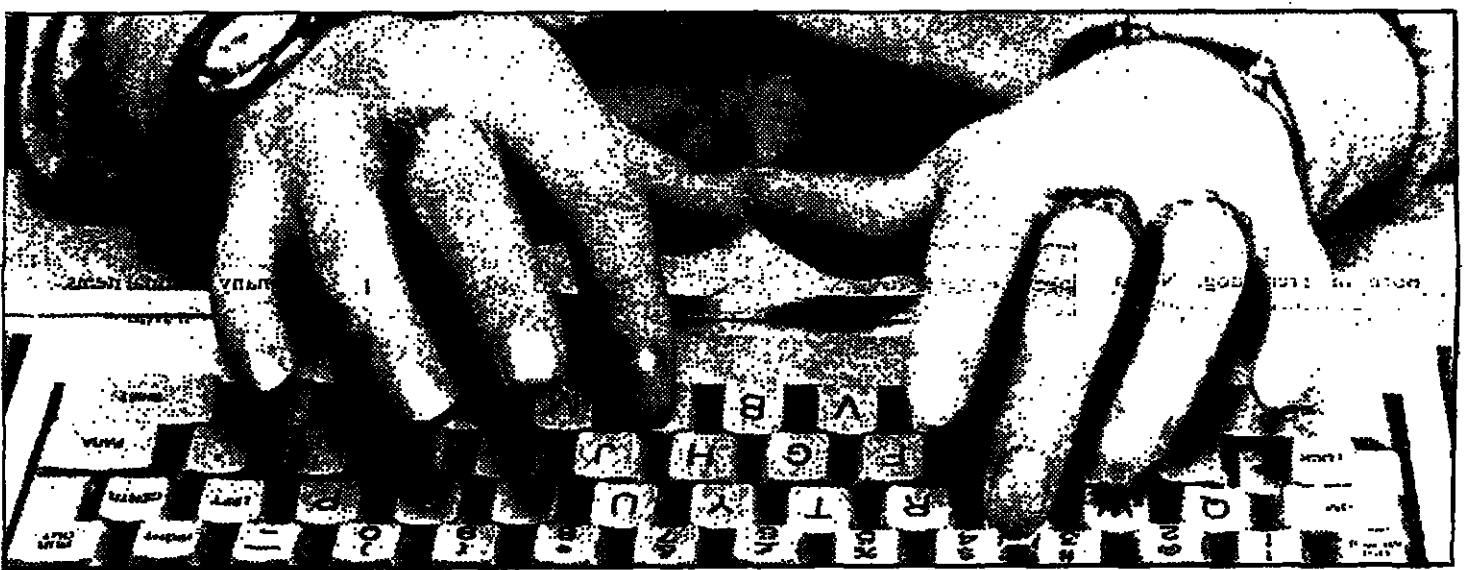
The day after that story had been splashed all over front pages of national newspapers, Mr Bewick received two phone calls.

One was from a woman who said she was absolutely disgusted by the idea. And the other was from a farmer who offered to sell his pigs to the hospital.

"It would have cost about £200 per pig — a lot cheaper than a baboon, and we could still sell the bacon!" says Mr Bewick with a hearty laugh. But then Michael Bewick enjoys a joke, and knows not to take himself too seriously. After all, he is not infallible — and he is certainly not God.

Although he has little leisure time, unlike many doctors who know the effects of the deadly weed tobacco. Mr Bewick enjoys a cigarette. But that is one of his few pleasures.

"I hate parties," he declares, "because instead of noticing the people who are there, I always start thinking of the people who are not — because they had died, without a new kidney."



Continuous tapping may cause RSI or repetitive strain injury. A blanket term for a wide range of injuries to the hands, wrists, shoulders, neck and back believed to be brought on by repetitive movement.

Written off as a woman's problem

Tapping a new source of pain

By Barbara Rowlands

SIORAHN felt the first twinges five months after she started her new job in March, 1986. By January 1987 she was off sick. And today she can hardly lift a cup.

Aged only 24, she is suffering from repetitive strain injury (RSI), a blanket term for a range of injuries to the hands, wrists, arms, shoulders, neck and back believed to be brought on by repetitive movement.

She has tendinitis and carpal tunnel syndrome (acute inflammation of the hand) caused, she claims, by inputting data six hours a day.

RSI is a common complaint. Before the microchip it was largely confined to the production line but has now spread to white collar workers working on visual display units (VDUs).

It affects many women like Siorahn, who was a librarian in a London borough before being transferred to another department to input biographical data.

And it is beginning to affect men operating VDUs. At the Financial Times, for example, at least 35 journalists have been confirmed as having RSI.

To win compensation for this crippling condition, detailed medical evidence is required.

Few specialists will commit themselves to a firm diagnosis. Not one VDU worker suffering from RSI in Britain has yet won a case. Siorahn was an untrained operator who began tapping away with two fingers: "I began to get aches and pains in my fingers, and then my whole hand. I thought it was just because I was new to the job but it got worse. At first it would settle down when I stopped work, but then the pains were there on the way home and towards the end of the weekend as well."

Her health and safety officer suggested having a break every hour but that did not go down well with management. "We were reduced to going to the toilet, but didn't feel we could stay away long."

Pain

At the Financial Times the management is now recommending frequent screen-breaks, involving leaving the desk, stretching and walking around.

Siorahn's pain is still severe. She can't ball her hand into a fist, turn a key, or twist a door-knob. The effort of using a pen or pencil brings on inflammation. She can't prepare food because of the dexterity required to chop, stir, or even open tins.

Dressing and washing is excruciating. Work is impossible. So, she says, is having a child. "I'm in such pain that most of the time I have to go to bed with hot water bottles and strong painkillers."

No one knows how many people have RSI but RSI Association chairman Ron Mulvey says numbers are increasing because of new technology. "It aggravates what is basically a common condition to the point where it becomes more serious," he says. "We send out a newsletter to 260 people but that's the tip of the iceberg. I suspect there's an epidemic."

Comfort

RSI has few outward physical signs and is easily dismissed by a general practitioner. Siorahn's GP refused to refer her to a specialist and when she did see a consultant he dismissed the condition as psychosomatic.

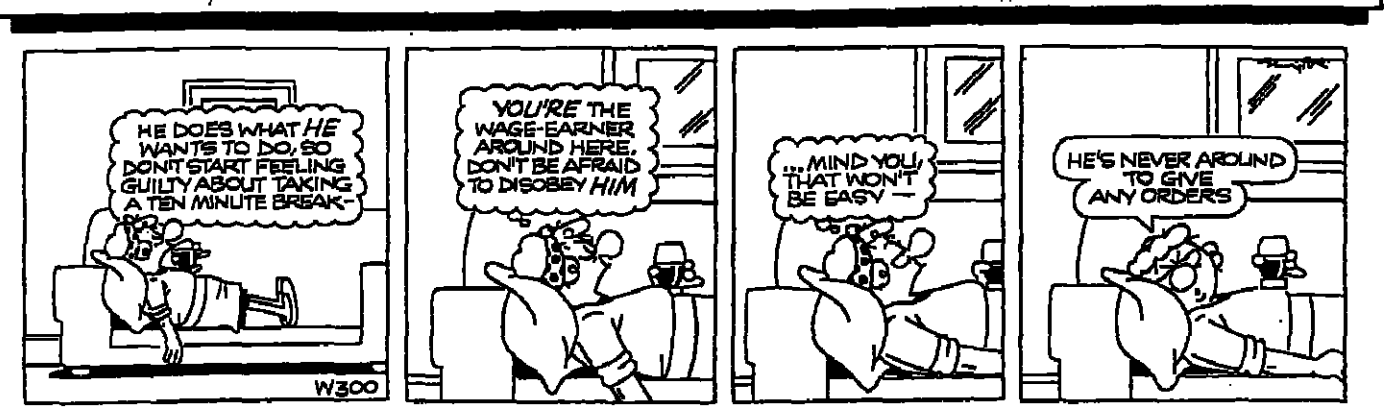
Since such repetitive work is often carried out by women, RSI is sometimes viewed as a form of hysteria. According to a health and safety officer of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union (which sends out a leaflet on RSI to its 800,000 members), "It has been written off as a woman's problem."

There is small comfort from the Health and Safety Executive. Dr Colin Mackay, its principal psychologist and resident expert in office safety, agrees there is evidence that some forms of work involving VDUs can lead to musculoskeletal disorders but he finds the term RSI misleading. "RSI implies that the problem is caused by repetition, which then leads to strain, which then leads to injury. Often it's something else, like poor posture with the hands. By calling it RSI, you're saying it's the repetition that's causing the injury. Show me the evidence."

The London Hazards Centre (LHC) and the City Centre, organisations both campaigning for a safer work environment, recommend that no VDU worker should work more than 8-10,000 strokes an hour. Many employers demand a cracking 20,000/hour pace. LHC adviser Rory O'Neill says: "Working on a VDU for eight hours a day is not possible. It's physically impossible to come out of that office day after feeling well and fit enough to lead a normal life outside work. People feel fatigue, aches and pains, and in the long term God knows what effects they're going to get."

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By Smith



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Indonesia wants to become industrial power

JAKARTA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Indonesia is trying to get private business to turn it from an oil and commodity exporter into an industrial power, Industry Minister Hartarto said.

"We can compete in the world export markets," he told Reuters in an interview yesterday.

"We are starting to see thousands of new entrepreneurs. They are the key to growth." Petroleum accounted for nearly two-thirds of state revenue five years ago when oil prices were over \$30 a barrel and Indonesia, South-East Asia's largest country, could afford to spend lots of industrial projects.

Dwindled State oil revenues dwindled along with oil prices after 1983. Austerity was pronounced, state budgets were slashed, and deregulation measures were issued to push the private sector into taking over the reins of the economy.

Petroleum accounts for less than a third of revenues in the state budget announced last week.

Hartarto said today's private sector industrialisation plan began with the liquidation of a number of big state projects in 1983.

The government, which had dominated the economy, decided to get out of the business of running businesses. It was ready to turn the economy over to private entrepreneurs, he said.

"When we were ready we moved, and this creates its own dynamics," Hartarto said. "We're no longer worried about control so long as the state gets revenues."

"It is our concept in developing basic industries to do it on a world scale," Hartarto said, the idea being to serve a potentially huge home market and be competitive in exports.

Indonesia, with a population of 176 million, has 17,000 islands of which only a small proportion are inhabited.

"That means there are 10,000 uninhabited islands, some of which are bigger than Singapore. You could plant or put anything on them and see what happens in 10 years," Hartarto said.

Exporter Indonesia has long been a leading exporter of raw materials such as rubber, wood and minerals like tin and copper.

But a growing percentage of rubber is being exported as tyres, shoes and gloves. Most Indonesian timber is now sold as plywood, furniture or chopsticks. Tin can exports, for example, jumped 1,000 per cent to \$700,000 in 1988 from the previous year, Industry Ministry data shows.

He noted Indonesia already has the world's largest cement, ammonia and fertiliser factories.

Gulf Bank launches gold fund

THE Gulf Bank has launched another new product, the gold fund. This is offered under the umbrella of Dhaw International Investment Services along with the Islamic Fund and Dhaw Money Market Fund.

Dhaw International Investment Services, now, provides a wide range of investment products which are tailored to meet a variety of investment needs. It offers today the most diversified investment banking package in Kuwait.

The gold fund is a unique service in Kuwait, it invests in Gold Futures Contracts on the New York Commodity Exchange (COMEX) and in high quality short-term debt instruments in the New York and London financial markets.

Prices The fund tracks the gold price and simultaneously provides liquidity and current investment income yield by operating in the Gold Futures Market. This gives 100 per cent exposure to gold price movements. It should be stressed that the fund will move in line with the gold price whether it is up or down, there is no speculative trading element that will offset the movements. Most investment managers believe that gold is known to be the best investment tool to meet the long-term financial needs and offer more balance to the portfolios.

The fund avoids the problem of taking delivery of physical gold with its associated costs of storage and insurance. Political, national, economic and corporate risks which arise from investment in the major gold mining shares are also avoided.

Japanese economy set to grow further

East Asian consumers go on spending spree

TOKYO, Jan 15, (Reuters): East Asia's consumers are starting to loosen their purse strings and live a little.

From Thailand to Japan, they are snapping up everything from automobiles to Louis Vuitton handbags as they spend some of the cash they earned fuelling their countries' recent rapid economic growth.

"The Japanese are now more interested in enjoying their life," said Toshio Yamasaki, economist at the Bank of Tokyo.

Interested They aren't alone. According to Thai commercials, the "ideal person" carries a golf club in one hand, a portable telephone in another, wears a Gucci shirt and lives in a two-storey house complete with a microwave oven.

"People in these countries are becoming more and more interested in buying consumer goods such as electric appliances and cars," Yamasaki said.

And their companies are becoming more and more interested in supplying those

goods domestically, rather than shipping them abroad.

That is good news for the United States, which has been pressing the countries in the region to cut their trade surpluses by spending more at home and buying more imports.

"The catch phrase (in Japan) has changed from 'export or die' to 'import and buy'," said Stephen Usher, research executive for broker Kleinwort Benson International in Tokyo.

The consumer boom started in Japan, then spread to the region's newly industrialising economies — Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan — and Thailand.

Thrifty For the most part, the region's thrifty workers are not saving much less. The average Taiwanese, for example, still puts away more than a third of his earnings.

But because of the area's rapid economic growth, East Asians are now earning more and have that much more to spend, economists said. Wages in both South

Korea and Taiwan are rising at a double-digit pace as workers turn more militant and employers more generous.

"People in Taiwan are getting richer and becoming big spenders," said Chen Yun-How, manager of the Far Eastern Department Store company in Taipei.

Inflation "We have sold more cameras and television sets since July than in the entire (1987)," said Patrick Dass, sales representative of Pertama Stamford Electronics in Singapore.

In the annual round of wage increases in May Japanese workers are expected to get more than five per cent more in their pay packets, economists said. With inflation near zero, that should translate into a big increase in their buying power.

"The domestic economy is expected to continue to grow, mainly led by consumer spending and corporate capital investment," said Yutaka Kume, president of Nissan Motor Com-

pany. Sales in Japan of both domestic and imported cars zoomed to record levels last year and are expected to do so again in 1989.

Most of the imports are luxury cars from Europe. "European manufacturers have studied the Japanese market," explained Michio Watanabe, a policy-maker in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

High-priced imports are also catching on elsewhere in the region, partly because they are perceived as status symbols.

Imports The rapid rise in the currencies of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan has also made some imports cheaper and more accessible to the man-in-the-street.

"If it's got a French name on it, it will sell," said Myrick Hatch, Taiwan managing director of broker Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers.

"They prefer to buy better imported cars than local ones," added Michael Chen, president of Taipei car dealer Pento United

Motor Company.

In Hong Kong, even the Chinese emporiums, traditionally a source of cheap, utilitarian goods made in China, have been forced to move upmarket. Out went the abacus and in came electronic tills, along with Japanese stereos and Italian leatherware.

System

"There's been a real shift in what Hong Kong people consume and the way they consume it," said Jonathan Stone, research director for Asia at broker CL Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank Securities (HK) Ltd.

In Thailand, the traditional bargaining system at local markets has given way to fixed-price department stores and supermarkets that have sprung up throughout the country.

Once deprived of fine wines by import restrictions and banned from smoking foreign cigarettes by law, South Koreans are attacking consumer goods with the gusto of a starved nation.

Baghdad Sheraton offered for sale

BAGHDAD, Jan 15, (AP): The government yesterday offered one of its major hotels for sale to the private sector, according to advertisements in the state run papers.

The papers carried an advertisement offering the 307-room Baghdad Sheraton for sale to a company the government wants formed in advance.

The advertisements said the company's capital should be 50 million Iraqi dinars (about \$150 million) divided into 50 million shares.

The hotel is wholly owned by the government and run by the International Sheraton Chain.

Assets

The ruling Revolutionary Command Council in September abolished the State Tourism Authority and decided to sell its assets, including five major hotels in Baghdad, to the private sector.

The move to sell off the tourists facilities is part of President Saddam Hussein's drive to develop the private sector in what has been a staunch socialist economy.

Selling off state assets is seen as a means of overcoming massive government debts and stimulating the economy battered by the 8-year Iran-Iraq war that ended in a ceasefire in August.

The Sheraton chain runs another hotel in Iraq's southern port of Basra which was badly damaged by Iranian shelling.

Dollar expected to strengthen again over the coming week

Bonds and equities could gain further

SUPPORTED by high interest rates, the dollar registered large gains last week breaking through the DM1.836 resistance level, which was the US unit's best level for three months.

However, significant co-ordinated intervention from central banks prevented it rising much further and the US unit softened slightly at the end of the week. Encouraged by the strength of the dollar and the unexpected softness of retail sales and housing completions, US treasuries and bonds were pushed higher according to NBK weekly market review.

Equities surged pushing the Dow Jones above the technical 2200 barrier, approaching the level reached before the October 1987. Money market rates were broadly unchanged to softer and the US dollar ended the week at DM1.83 and 126.5 yen.

Housing completions fell 3.5 per cent in November for a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,422 million units as compared to October's 1,507 million. This was a much larger fall than the 2.3 per cent forecast.

Producer price index as expected

rose 0.4 per cent in December as opposed to a 0.3 per cent rise in November.

Retail sales rose by just 0.2 per cent in December which was a decrease from 1.1 per cent in November.

Rates

A further rise in the US currency is widely expected over the coming week. "As we have long anticipated that at the turn of the year, the dollar is benefitting from the recent firming in interest rates, prospects of a G-7 meeting soon after the inauguration of President Bush — possibly February — which should provide a statement of a commitment to stable exchange rates and the possibility of an adequate US deficit reduction plan. However the US unit's ascent is expected to be tempered by a periodic intervention by the central banks.

The Federal Reserve has recently tightened its credit policy highlighted by the rise in the Fed funds rate to the range 9.05-9.125. Conflicts between the administration and the Federal Reserve plus the recent softer economic numbers sug-

gests that interest policy will remain for the time being unchanged until clearer indicators emerge and the new administration is well in place.

Therefore bonds and equities which have suffered under prospects of higher interest rates, could now gain further.

Trade numbers this week are anticipated to be at around market forecasts, maybe lower. Such an outcome will continue to act in the dollar's favour.

Trading ranges for the coming week are expected to be as follows: 125-128 yen and DM1.81-1.85.

Rise

Although selling sterling for Deutsche marks the Bank of England failed to stop the ascent of the British unit. With no significant data releases last week the UK unit benefited entirely by the Chancellor Lawson's comments that the pound's rise was not of great concern and implicitly appears to be encouraged as a policy weapon to dampen inflationary trends.

Sterling gained significantly against the mark to DM3.26 remaining unchanged against a

strong dollar and yen at £/¥1.78 and yen 125.

Investors took a positive view of the markets and equities performed well, mainly due to take-over speculation, reaching their level for two months. Hence, bonds remained broadly unchanged, whilst money market rates drifted slightly lower. In addition, there was an unexpected fall in retail sales which could signal that consumer spending is finally beginning to decline.

PPI Input rose an adjusted 0.5 per cent in December following a revised 0.8 per cent rise in the previous month. On a year-on-year basis input prices increased by an unadjusted 4.8 per cent.

PPI Output grew by an adjusted 0.2 per cent in December after rising 0.3 per cent in November; this was slightly lower than forecast. On the year to December output prices rose 1.4 per cent, unadjusted 4.9 per cent.

Retail sales fell a final 0.6 per cent in November compared with a 2.0 per cent increase a month earlier. Retail sales were 5.2 per cent higher on a year-on-year basis.

some results. Although prices are going up, they are not increasing as quickly as they were earlier last year, he noted.

In December, prices went up 26 per cent compared to the same month the previous year. But, Yuan said, the rate of increase was 0.8 percentage points less than November's rise.

Bank deposits, another signal of economic activity, are again on the increase, he said.

Deposits Record-setting inflation last year led to runs on banks as people sought to buy as much as they could before prices went higher.

As a result, deposits in August actually fell 2.6 billion yuan (\$700 million). By December, however, they were up 11.2 billion yuan (\$3 billion), Yuan said.

However, one of the reasons for the increase is that many banks have frozen the assets of individuals and collectively owned businesses.

Yuan said a crackdown on corruption has returned to the state 7.9 billion yuan (\$2.1 billion) in embezzled funds.

Egypt to boost oil prices

CAIRO, Jan 15, (AP): Egypt today decided to increase its oil export prices by \$1.25 a barrel on all blends for the second half of January.

The new prices, which go into effect from Jan 16 to Jan 31, increased from \$13.50 a barrel to \$14.75 a barrel for top-grade Gulf of Suez blend. Belayim will sell for \$13.90 a barrel, Ras Badran for \$12.75 a barrel and Ras Ghareb for \$12.45 a barrel.

Prices The increase in price is the third in succession. Prices were sharply raised by \$1.75 a barrel during the first half of last December, remaining at those levels throughout December, and by another 75 cents for the first half of January.

Egypt is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but fixes its oil export prices in bi-monthly reviews according to the world market conditions.

World Business Summary

Del Monte expected to be sold by RJR-Nabisco

MIAMI, Jan 15, (Reuters): The chairman of Del Monte Foods was quoted as saying the giant food company would probably be sold to help pay for the \$25 billion takeover of its corporate parent, RJR-Nabisco Inc. by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co. The Miami Herald said Robert Carbonell told a meeting of Coral Gables, Florida, businessmen he believed it was likely Del Monte would be divested after Kohlberg completed the biggest takeover in US corporate history next month. Carbonell emphasized, however, this was his personal opinion and not that of RJR-Nabisco, a food and cigarette conglomerate. Del Monte, based in Coral Gables, had sales of around \$2.5 billion last year and pre-tax profits of about \$250 million. "No decisions have been made by KKR on what will be sold and those decisions will not take place for some time," Carbonell said. "They will try to keep as much of the food operations as possible, but it is likely Del Monte will be one of the companies that will be sold," he added. Carbonell said Kohlberg's immediate financing needs had been met but that \$5 billion more was needed within the next 12 to 18 months to help pay for the acquisition. He said Del Monte's long-term business prospects were bright and that whoever bought the company would have to pay a "good premium." Carbonell said Del Monte might end up being acquired by a European or Japanese company. He all but ruled out any chance that management might attempt to take Del Monte private in a leveraged buyout. He said the risks were too great because Del Monte is an agriculture-based company and weather plays such an important role in its financial results.

Stock market authority to get more power: Mitterrand

PARIS, Jan 15, (AP): President Francois Mitterrand said yesterday the French stock market authority would be given greater powers to investigate possible insider trading deals. Mitterrand spoke after two simmering controversies involving a raid and a takeover took a political turn and threatened to embarrass the Socialist government. The takeover concerned state-owned Pechiney SA's acquisition late last year of New York-based Triangle Industries, whose main asset is the packaging company American National Can Corp. The stock market authority, the Commission des Operations de Bourse, is investigating that deal after receiving an alert from its counterpart, the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Earlier in the week the French press disclosed that a friend of Mitterrand bought Triangle shares before the takeover was finalized. The raid involved an unsuccessful attempt to change the makeup of shareholder group controlling the Bank Societe Generale in which a state deposit institution provided a third of the funds involved. The right-wing opposition charged that the involvement of the institution meant the government supported the move. Mitterrand, speaking on a visit to the central city of Dijon, said the controversy did not bother him and he hoped it would not bother the country. He said he had decided to broaden the stock market authority's areas of competence and means to control dealings. Later Prime Minister Michel Rocard said he would introduce legislation at the spring session of parliament to reinforce the powers of the authority.

Mexican oil prices rise

MEXICO CITY, Jan 15, (AP): Mexican oil prices rose on Monday after a 5-cent hike in December, the government oil monopoly Pemex said. The price of light Mexican crude in the Americas was \$13.93 a barrel in December, an increase from \$11.62 in November, Pemex said. The price of heavy Mexican crude was \$10.52 a barrel, compared with \$9.21 a month earlier, and the extra-light Omeca was \$15.24, up from \$12.90. Customers in the Far East paid \$12.93 a barrel for Istmus and \$10.30 a barrel for Maya, increases from \$10.82 and \$8.22 a barrel respectively. Prices for European buyers during the first half of the month averaged 14.39 for Istmus and 11.09 for Maya, up from \$12.79 and \$9.71. Pemex said the increases were the result of "the significant recovery in prices of the principal crudes sold on the international petroleum market." Crude oil exports for 1988 averaged 1.3 million barrels a day and petrochemicals, 40,000 barrels a day, Pemex said. In December, 51.6 per cent of crude oil exports went to the United States. Spain was the second-largest buyer with 16 per cent and 13 per cent was sold to the Far East.

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Plan to cut growth rate

China's unemployment expected to jump

BEIJING, Jan 15, (AP): A plan to cut China's growth rate by one-third will likely cause unemployment to jump by 50 per cent, the government announced yesterday.

A government spokesman also said China's current economic retrenchment would not bring about a political tightening. And he acknowledged that China's austerity programme has affected deals with foreign businesses.

Yuan Wu, spokesman for the State Council, China's cabinet, said the government hopes to cut inflation by three to five percentage points next year.

Anything lower, he said, "will not be good for economic development."

Inflation Yuan said China has an 18.5 per cent inflation rate, but some Chinese economists privately put it at about 40 per cent.

In a news conference summing up the results of last year's roller-coaster economy, Yuan said China's gross national product in 1988 grew by 11.2 per cent to 1.36 trillion yuan (\$368 billion).

Industrial output led the

surge, jumping by 17.7 per cent. Agriculture increased by a disappointing three per cent, he said.

Yuan said China hopes to cut its GNP growth rate to 7.5 per cent this year. Under the plan, growth industrial production will fall to eight per cent and growth in farm output will rise to four per cent.

In the first announcement of its kind, Yuan said unemployment in China was two per cent and was expected to rise 50 per cent to three per cent this year because of the government's austerity programme.

Austerity Estimates by independent economists put the jobless figure much higher.

The government implemented the austerity programme in September to cool down an overheated economy that has sent prices to record-high levels and lowered the standard of living for up to 20 per cent of urban dwellers.

A reform programme designed to allow prices to float on the market was cut back severely.

Under the austerity plan, more

than 10,000 projects have been stopped so far, reducing investment by 33.4 billion yuan (\$3 billion), Yuan said.

"The austerity measures will leave many people jobless," Yuan said. "The most seriously affected will be those in the construction industry because it is those projects that we want to stop."

But, he said, China would move to cushion their unemployment by guaranteeing the jobs a certain standard of living.

Although most areas of the economy will be cut, the state will put more money into agriculture, Yuan said.

China's grain output last year fell slightly from the previous year in the fourth straight year of disappointing harvests. A lack of investment and farmers' preference for growing lucrative vegetables rather than grain are two major factors for the fall.

China will increase its farm investment this year by 14 per cent, or 400 million yuan (\$100 million), he said.

Yuan said the austerity programme already has shown

not met, big purchases of food abroad have to be made," it continued, saying that the cost of those purchases for the last three years was 30 billion roubles (\$48 billion).

Gorbachev said a long-awaited plenary meeting of the Communist Party Central Committee on agriculture will take place in March.

The Soviet President is pushing to increase farmers' interest in their work by organising them on the basis of smaller groups and giving them more responsibility and a chance to earn more money for increased production. But Tass did not provide details on whether he went into specifics in his remarks on Friday.

In those comments to agricultural specialists, Gorbachev defended the giant collective and state farms that were organised during Stalin's rule.

Growth still lagging

Soviet labour productivity boosts economy

MOSCOW, Jan 15, (AP): Increases in labour productivity and a cut in the number of workers in production boosted the Soviet national income by 4.4 per cent in 1988, but the economy still fell short of its growth target, Tass said yesterday.

In a separate report, the official news agency said Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev called for major changes in the farm sector, but defended the current system of giant collective and state farms.

Some of the statistics on 1988 economic performance in the Soviet Union were disclosed in yesterday's meeting of the Council of Ministers, or Soviet Cabinet, Tass said.

The Soviet national income, a measure of economic activity that excludes the value of some services, increased by 4.4 per cent in 1988 and by 3.6 per cent for the

period of 1986-1988, Tass said. "The growth of national income was assured by an increase in labour productivity with an absolute reduction in 1987-1988 of the number of people engaged in material production," Tass said.

Shanfari arrives in Moscow for oil talks

Oman seeks Soviet help to stabilise prices

MOSCOW, Jan 15, (Agencies): Oman's Oil Minister Saeed Al Shanfari arrived in Moscow today for an official visit to seek the Soviet Union's help in stabilising world oil prices, the Gulf News Agency reported.

The agency said that Al Shanfari also was carrying a verbal message from Sultan Qaboos to the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev related to bilateral relations between the two countries.

Shanfari will hold talks with top Soviet officials on "consultation, co-ordination and co-operation to bolster oil prices on the world market and stabilising them," it said.

It is the first visit by a minister

from the sultanate since diplomatic relations were established between the two countries in 1985.

Assigned

Oman has been assigned by its partners in the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council to exert efforts with oil-producing nations who, like the sultanate, are not members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, to curb a glut on the world oil market that has been shaking the oil prices over the past two years.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest oil-producing nation.

The GCC groups Saudi

Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman. The first four are leading members of the 13-nation OPEC which introduced a new restrained production ceiling as of Jan 1 designed to help raise the price to an \$18 benchmark and stabilise them at that level.

Prices have been improving recently, but at a time of peak winter season demand.

Shanfari was to have left for Moscow Jan 1 but his visit was postponed for two weeks during which he hosted OPEC Secretary-General Subroto for prior consultations.

The Omani oil minister was

quoted in Muscat's English-language Oman Daily Observer as saying he was not taking any direct proposals with him to Moscow.

But he stressed that non-OPEC oil producers should not expect OPEC to make all the moves to stabilise prices which dipped to as low as \$10 to \$11 a barrel in the 1988 glut.

Shanfari also expressed his belief that an accord would be reached between OPEC and non-OPEC oil-producing states from the London meeting of the two blocs.

"I know from my colleagues in non-OPEC countries that they are willing to co-operate with

OPEC," he said adding: "I believe that we will have an agreement."

Non-OPEC Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico, North Yemen and Oman are reportedly ready to participate in the London talks with OPEC members Algeria, Indonesia, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Subroto was quoted by the same paper as saying prior to his departure on Saturday from Muscat that eight oil-producing states from the United States and Canada's Alberta province might also send representatives. He hoped the Soviet Union would also agree to attend.

OPEC price committee may meet to review pact

We are likely to reach \$18, says Subroto

ZURICH, Jan 15, (Reuters): OPEC's price committee will probably meet in Vienna at the end of March to review members' adherence to output quotas agreed in November, OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said today.

In their November agreement, OPEC's 13 members decided to cut production by about 20 per cent to 18.5 million barrels a day in the first half of 1989.

The pact was aimed at boosting

spot market prices, which

were then as much as \$7 below

the Organisation of Petroleum

Exporting Countries' reference

price of \$18 per barrel. Bench-

mark Brent crude from the

North Sea closed in New York

on Friday night at just under \$17

a barrel.

Quotas

"The price committee is likely to meet in the last week of March, probably in Vienna, to report on member countries' adherence to their quotas," Subroto told reporters in Zurich after a meeting with Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez.

Subroto said the November OPEC agreement appeared to be working.

He said it was too early to estimate what January oil production would be, but Perez said rising spot market prices indicated there would be no major deviation from the 18.5 million barrels per day target.

Fluctuations

"There will not be big fluctuations," he said.

Asked if the United Arab Emirates, which has been

accused in the past by other members of failing to abide by its

quota, was now doing so, Subroto replied:

"So far the indications are that

the UAE is also adhering to its quota."

Subroto said the success of the pact in raising prices would depend on full adherence to it by OPEC countries and on the co-operation of non-OPEC oil producers.

"If the two work together, I am confident that \$18 can be reached, maybe in the middle of 1989 but if not, then towards the latter part of the year," he added.

"We are likely to reach \$18 sooner rather than later," experts from six OPEC and non-OPEC countries will meet in London on Jan 26 to prepare the ground for a ministerial meeting between the two groups.

Basis

Subroto said Britain, Western Europe's biggest oil producer, had not yet said whether it would participate, while Norway, the second biggest, would not be officially represented but might send someone on an informal basis.

Perez, making a brief stopover in Zurich during an international tour before taking office on Feb 2, said he was confident OPEC and non-OPEC producers would work together.

"I am fully optimistic because we see the interests of both the exporting countries and the consuming countries working together," he said. "Both want stable prices at satisfactory levels."

"The producing countries have realised that if they manipulate prices, they won't get anything from it," he added.

Subroto said oil markets and consumers now appeared to take the view it was better to have a strong OPEC than a weak one.

Perez, laughing, added: "Now



Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez (left) shakes hands with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto during their meeting in Zurich, Switzerland yesterday. (Reuters wire photo)

they are starting to love us."

He said he was in favour of a summit meeting of the heads of state of OPEC member countries being held in 1990, when OPEC will be 30 years old. The last such summit was in 1973.

Perez is expected to fly to Kuwait later today before visiting Abu Dhabi tomorrow for talks with United Arab Emirates leaders.

The Abu Dhabi-based semi-official daily newspaper Al Iti-

had said Perez, who will be inaugurated President on Feb 10, will also visit Iran and Iraq.

The Venezuelan President has called during a tour of the region in December for a summit meeting of OPEC's 12 heads of state to stabilise world oil prices and devise a long-term strategy to protect the interests of the organisation members.

In that tour, he visited Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria and Egypt.

UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Al Otaiba has dismissed a summit meeting of OPEC as "premature," saying the organisation should instead work to strengthen its role in the world oil market by increasing its share.

Al Iti had reported Perez will meet with UAE leaders during his 2-day visit in an apparent bid to persuade the Gulf Arab states to accept his idea for a summit, the second since the Algiers meeting in 1975.

Despite concerted bank intervention

Dollar sentiment remains cautiously bullish

NEW YORK, Jan 5, (UPI): The sentiment surrounding the dollar remained cautiously bullish this week despite two days of concerted central bank intervention.

The intervention — or dollar-selling — began in earnest on Wednesday when the Federal Reserve, the West German Bundesbank and several other European central banks entered the market to trim the dollar's New Year gains.

Traders said the dollar continued to draw support from higher US interest rates and the intervention by the central banks — the first co-ordinated effort of the year — did little to change that reality.

"There was some talk that the dollar's upside potential might be capped by the co-ordinated intervention we saw on Wednesday," said Earl Johnson, vice-president in charge of foreign exchange at the Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago.

Underlying

"But as long as the economic numbers stay strong, and interest rates remain high, there will be underlying demand for the dollar," Johnson said. "The level of intervention is just not large enough" to drive the dollar lower.

A federal Appeals Court in New York refused on Thursday to delay a new trial for GAF Corp. on stock manipulation charges, delivering a setback to defence lawyers seeking to block a second trial of the case.

The Appeals Court ordered jury selection for a new trial to begin next Tuesday. Arthur Liman, GAF's chief lawyer, said the company would not appeal.

Testimony in the case began on Dec 21, but on Tuesday US district judge Mary Johnson Lower ruled prosecutors wrongly withheld from defence lawyers an expert's report suggesting a key piece of evidence had been tampered with.

Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. said on Thursday it had approached John S.R. Shad, the US Ambassador to the Netherlands and former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission, to head the firm.

The announcement came one day after Drexel disclosed that talks had broken off with Howard Baker Jr., the former senator and White House chief of staff.

Settlement

The government on Tuesday announced a \$14 million settlement in its sex and race discrimination case against Chemical Banking Corp., parent of Chemical Bank of New York and Texas Commerce Bank of Chicago.

Solicitor of Labour George Salem said the settlement in the 14-year-old case represents the largest back-pay amount ever obtained by the federal government from a single employer in a sex and race discrimination case.

Chemical Banking Corp., parent of Chemical Bank of New York and Texas Commerce Bank

shares Inc. of Houston, said on Thursday its 1988 consolidated earnings jumped to a record \$753.6 million, or \$12.02 a share.

The results compare with a net loss of \$853.7 million in the previous year.

Chemical said the results reflected increases in net interest income, corporate finance fees, profits from bond trading, gains on venture capital activities, assets sales, and a decline in the provision for loan losses.

Exports

Japan said Tuesday it would extend its voluntary limits on automobile exports to the United States for another year with a ceiling at 2.3 million cars.

Japan adopted the voluntary limit on exports to the United States in 1981 to give the US auto industry time to improve its com-

petitiveness and to prevent more stringent US protectionist regulations to limit car imports.

The electronics industry on Thursday urged the US government to help it gain greater access to the Japanese market, saying it is critical to the health of American manufacturers.

A joint steering committee of the Semiconductor Industry Association and of the American Electronics Association also supported anti-dumping measures to prevent a recurrence of below-cost pricing of Japanese imports.

GTE Corp on Monday announced the long-awaited reorganisation of the \$15 billion corporation, splitting it into six operating groups all to report to the newly promoted president and chief operating officer Charles E. Lee.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 15/1/89			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
5	Nikolay Morozov	Al Rasheed	2422026
8	Tug Capricorn-J	Gulf Star	4845501
9	B. Sagittarius	Gulf Star	4845501
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
15/1	Arafat	KSA	4843150
15/1	Abu Basma	ISA	2441860
16/1	Auto Diana	A. Bahar	2433881
16/1	Victory Ace	Mara	4848665
16/1	Jolly Turchese	Gh & Q	4347815
16/1	Uni Modest	SMS	4745471
16/1	Caribbean Highway	United	2457958
16/1	Chattanooga L	Trans Cont	2436920
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B. No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
3	UCO-XVII	Sager Shaheen	2432692
6	Tarbela (ex Anch)	Al Majid	2421439
11	Crystal Reed	ISA	2441860
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
15/1	Rhin Express	M.A. Bahar	2433881
15/1	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
17/1	Y.S. Prosperity	Al Rasheed	2422026
17/1	Socotra	KMMC	2419814
18/1	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
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UK and Turkey

to buy tractor spare parts from Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan 15, (AP): Britain will purchase \$5 million worth of spare parts for Massey Ferguson tractors from the Iran Tractor Manufacturing Plant, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported on Saturday.

A plant official told IRNA that Turkey concluded a \$4.5 million contract and it will import 32 per cent of the purchased amount by the end of the current Islamic year (March 20).

Talks have also been held with Bulgaria, Sudan, Syria, Brazil and Zimbabwe and export plans to those countries are under study, said IRNA, monitored in Nicosia.

The plant is currently undergoing expansion at a cost of \$182 million and when finished will produce 30,000 tractors per year.

Colombia ready to step into booming world market for frogs' legs

BOGOTA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Colombia is preparing to jump into the booming world market for frogs' legs, which is worth tens of millions of dollars.

More than 10,000 tonnes of frogs' legs — mostly from Asian nations like India, Indonesia and Bangladesh — are exported every year and end up on tables in the United States, France and other West European countries.

The French are the world's biggest consumers with 4,000 tonnes of frogs' legs in 1980.

The United States come second with imports of between 2,000 and 3,000 tonnes a year.

Promoting Colombia's Export Promotion Fund (PROEXPO), and the Natural Resources Defence Institute, are promoting studies on the possible impact on environment of setting up frog farms. "Colombian ambient conditions, with warm and stable climates all year round, give the country comparative advantages for frog breeding," PROEXPO said in its latest monthly bulletin.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.070	1.070	1.070	1.070	985000	31
GULF BANK	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	70000	3
COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.275	0.275	0.270	160000	8
AHLI BANK	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	50000	3
B.K.M.E.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
BURGAN BANK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	10000	1
K.F.HOUSE	0.520	---	---	---	---	---
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KVT INV. CO.	0.120	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.140	---	---	---	---	---
COM.FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
ANILIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.096	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KVT	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KVT INSURANCE	0.770	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.360	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIA INS. CO.	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
WARBA INS. CO.	0.400	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
KVT R.EST. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT R.EST. CO.	0.075	---	---	---	---	---
NAT R.EST. CO.	0.202	---	---	---	---	---
SALAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KVT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.550	---	---	---	---	---
KVT M.P. IND.	0.320	---	---	---	---	---
KVT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.405	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.N.Y.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.110	1.110	1.110	1.110	5000	1
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
COM.MARINE	0.280	---	---	---	---	---
K.SH.REP.CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.180	---	---	---	---	---
KVT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.134	---	---	---	---	---
COM.MKT.CHPK.	0.018	---	---	---	---	---
MOBILE TELE.	0.315	0.320	0.320	0.315	50000	5
KVT COMPUTER	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.238	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT POULTRY	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
KVT FOODS	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KVT SECTOR						
BHN. INTER.BK	0.069	0.070	0.070	0.069	160000	3
BHN. N.EAST.BK	0.052	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT.GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT.GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.092	0.093	0.093	0.093	40000	1
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.034	---	---	---	---	---
FIRST.GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
GULF MEDICAL	0.030	---	---	---	---	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
GULF INTL INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
SHARIAN INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
R.K.WITTE CHNT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
ANUNICHENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-FURTRAN CENT	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
C-SHARIAN CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---

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Frost and Magnusson triumph

TAIPEI, Jan 15, (Reuters): Top-seeded Morten Frost of Denmark subdued and then demolished Indonesia's Eddy Kurniawan 15-12 15-3 in the final of the Taipei Masters badminton championships today.

In the women's singles, unseeded Swede Christine Magnusson completed a dream tournament by beating second seed Shih Susanti of Indonesia 8-11 11-3 11-7.

Kurniawan, the second seed, turned on raw aggression from the opening shots of the first game in an effort to smash his way through his opponent's defence.

But Frost contained him with five positioning and pinpoint retrievals. He rarely hit an outright winner but profited instead from Kurniawan's mistakes.

The second game was Frost's all the way. Kurniawan looked crushed as Frost, who had not dropped a game in the tournament, displayed his greater range of skills.

"He gave everything to win the first set," Frost said after the match. "When he didn't succeed he had a big psychological problem."

In the women's final, Susanti lost her concentration after taking the first game and never threatened again.

In the last two games, the unseeded Magnusson, who defeated top-seeded Kirsten Larsen of Denmark on her way to the final, was rarely required to produce the form that put her in a class of her own during the tournament.

Buoyed by her triumph, she went on to win the women's doubles with Maria Bengtsson 15-13 9-15 15-6 against Denmark's Dorte Kjaer and Lotte Olsen.

In the men's doubles, the Malaysian pair of Razif and Jalani Sidek destroyed their Danish opponents Jan Eric Antonsson and Par-gunnar Jonsson 15-3 15-1.

Calcavecchia takes lead

PALM DESERT, Calif, Jan 15, (Reuters): Mark Calcavecchia scored his third straight five-under-par 67 and gained a two-stroke lead over four runners at the five-day \$1 million Bob Hope Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Calcavecchia, who started the day in second place two strokes behind Scott Verplank, stood at 16-under-par 272.

Sandy Lyle of Britain birdied three of his final six holes after a rather erratic start for a four-under 68 and was tied for second place with Paul Azinger, Tom Kite and Steve Jones at 14-under-par 274.

Bernhard Langer of West Germany and Fred Couples headed a list of seven players at 13-under-par 275 including third round leader Verplank. Also at 275 were Brad Bryant, Donnie Hammond, Ted Schulz and Kenny Knox.

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TOP WOMEN'S SEED WINS NSW OPEN FOR FOURTH TIME

Navratilova and Krickstein clinch crowns

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan 15, (AP): Martina Navratilova and Aaron Krickstein each scored decisive victories today in the \$350,000 New South Wales Open tennis championships.

Navratilova won her fourth New South Wales Open title, overpowering Swedish rival Catarina Lindqvist 6-2, 6-4 while third-seeded Krickstein captured the men's title with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union.

Navratilova, playing in her first tournament since a six-week layoff, took just 58 minutes to wrap up the match, despite a spirited comeback by Lindqvist in the second set.

Close
Krickstein, ranked 14th in the world, needed just 65 minutes to win his first Grand Prix title since the Tel Aviv tournament in 1984.

He pocketed \$23,000 in first-prize money. The powerful Navratilova, top seed for the women's tournament, showed some deft touches, particularly close to the net, to win the \$40,000 first prize in the women's event.

It was her fourth New South Wales Open victory. She hadn't competed in the tournament since she last won it in 1985.

The victory completed Navratilova's preparation for the \$1.5 million Australian Open that starts in Melbourne tomorrow.

"Everything worked pretty



Navratilova on her way to victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

well for me today," Navratilova said. "My concentration was good, my movement good and I didn't make too many unforced errors. I'm right on schedule with my build-up for next week. My preparation this year is as good as it's ever been for an Australian Open."

"It's certainly better than last

year," she said. "I've been here longer and I've played on rebound and had match practice."

The New South Wales tournament was played on the synthetic rebound ace surface for the first time this year, the same surface that was introduced to the Australian Open last year.



Krickstein sends a return to Cherkasov. (Reuters wirephoto)

Navratilova raced to an early lead against Lindqvist, the 13th seed for the event, breaking her service in the third game of the first set and again in the seventh, with the set lasting just 22 minutes.

But Lindqvist, playing in her first Virginia Slims final since Brighton, England in 1986 when

she lost in straight sets to Steffi Graf, recovered in the second.

The 25-year-old Swede lost her serve in the first game of the second set but broke back in the second.

Lindqvist then broke Navratilova in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead, but the native of Czechoslovakia bounced back to

take the next four games, serving a blistering ace on match point — her sixth ace of the match.

"I thought I played pretty well," said Lindqvist. "I had some opportunities but didn't take them. Every time you get a chance against a player like Martina you've got to take them and I didn't."

"Martina played well but she is going to find the calibre of players in Melbourne a bit different than she has here," Lindqvist added. "She has to serve well to win. Her serve is her biggest strength."

Krickstein, 21, a former world No. 7 hampered by injuries, now has won five Grand Prix titles in his career.

Cherkasov, playing in his second Grand Prix tournament and first final, was outclassed by Krickstein.

"Once I got on top of him I felt pretty comfortable. He put up a strong fight in the first set, but when I won that I felt in control," Krickstein said.

"It feels great to win a tournament again. I have had a lot of injury problems and they made things really hard for me," he added. "By winning again I think I have proved I'm still a good player."

The US player looked up the match and title when he broke to lead 2-0 in the second set.

A second break of Cherkasov's serve in the eighth and final game wrapped up the victory.

Becker returns to Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Jan 15, (Reuters): Masters champion Boris Becker returns to the scene of his worst tennis experience when the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam tournament of 1989, begins tomorrow.

The return of Becker and John McEnroe, who vowed never to visit Australia again after the 1985 open, has thrown the highest quality men's field in the history of the tournament wide open with any of five players capable of victory.

Becker is undoubtedly the form player after winning the Masters then destroying Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg in straight sets in West Germany's shock Davis Cup victory over Sweden in December.

But the 21-year-old, seeded three, has rarely shown his best in Melbourne when artificial rebound ace has replaced grass, leaving Wimbledon, won by Becker in 1985 and 1986, as the only Grand Slam tournament played on the natural surface.

In 1985 Becker was beaten

here by little-known Dutchman Michiel Schapers while in 1987 his fourth-round defeat by Wally Masur triggered a cataclysmic split with coach Guenther Bosch.

"That's all like 10 years ago for me," Becker, who did not play in the 1988 Open, said this week. "So much has happened in the last two years and so much is going to happen in the next two."

Defending champion Mats Wilander, who opens the tournament tomorrow against fellow-Swede Tobias Svanteson, suffered a surprise defeat by West Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeb in the Davis Cup final then took three weeks off to rest a nagging leg condition.

The shin splints are now less painful but the pressure of being number one after winning three of the four Grand Slam tournaments in 1988 could take its toll over the next two weeks.

"The challenge is great, you have to play well all the time as number one. After a while I think you feel like you want to stay at number one," he said.

Of the outsiders for the title,

Lendl, seeded second behind Wilander, came to Australia last year talking of winning all four Grand Slam titles. This year he is aiming lower, wanting to add the Australian and Wimbledon titles to the clutch of US and French Open crowns he already owns.

"I like to stick to the theory that if you contend enough times you are bound to break through one of these days," said Lendl, whose five-set semifinal defeat here by Pat Cash was probably the finest men's match of 1988.

Like Lendl, Edberg is hoping 1989 brings a new dawn. The gifted Swede's Wimbledon victory proved more of a handicap than a help as his ranking slipped from two to five in an unproductive second half of 1988.

Successive
"You can't rely on one win. That's why it's good to see 1989 it's like we start all over again," said Edberg who won successive Australian titles in 1985 and 1987. There was no championship in 1986.

Of the outsiders for the title,

Cash, losing finalist in the past two years, may not operate at his powerful best after injuring his shoulder on Friday.

Which leaves in-form Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland and McEnroe.

McEnroe's last visit was a disaster. He lost to Yugoslavia's Slobodan Zivonjovic in five sets — and was accused of "tanking" (throwing) the last set 6-0 — before tossing a photograph over a hotel couch as he tried to snap McEnroe's pregnant wife Tatum O'Neill.

The New Yorker, once again swearing he is a reformed character, has forgiven Australia and is showing signs of growing confidence in his ability to return to the top.

He played some sublime tennis during an exhibition tournament in Adelaide which left Cash repeating his assertion that at 30 McEnroe remained the most talented player on the circuit.

McEnroe agrees: "There's no one out there doing anything exceptional."

Krishnan overwhelms Mansdorf

WELLINGTON, Jan 15, (Reuters): India's Ramesh Krishnan exacted sweet revenge over defending champion Amos Mansdorf of Israel in the final of the Auckland Grand Prix tennis tournament today.

Krishnan turned the tables on Mansdorf, who beat him in last year's final, to win 6-4 6-0 in just 67 minutes — the shortest final in

the tournament's 21 years.

Seemingly unworried by the chants of anti-apartheid protesters upset over his having played in South Africa last year, Mansdorf broke Krishnan in the third game of the first set to lead 3-1.

But from then on he appeared to lose concentration and had no answer to a resurgent Krishnan, who made the defending cham-

ption look sluggish.

Mansdorf said after the match he had not been bothered by the noise of the protesters. "They had very good rhythm," he added.

Krishnan said he was surprised by the ease of his win especially after returning to tennis only recently from a three-month break through injury.

Jamaica Classic

SANDY BAY, Jamaica, Jan 15, (Reuters): Betsy King stretched her lead to seven strokes yesterday by adding a three-under-par 68 to her opening round 64 at the \$500,000 Jamaica Classic golf tournament.

Nancy Lopez shot a second round one-under-par 70 for a three-under 139 total and sole possession of second place. Hollis Stacy recorded an even-par 71 and was alone in third place at 140.

Hubara routs Hawks

HUBARA continued their good run of 1988 with a win in their first game of 1989. Hubara had no difficulty in beating Hawks by 21 runs in a Jashamal/KOC League match at the Ahmadi New Ground on Friday.

Hubara skipper Craig Shipton won the toss and Hawks fielded, with Dave Talbot and Shipton opening the Hubara innings.

After a slow start the two openers got into their stride until at 32 Talbot, was out for 16 lbw to Ishiaq. With Pat Flower replacing Talbot the next partnership was worth 50 runs until Flower was out again lbw this time to Ashraf for 10.

In the next 9 overs Hubara put on 115 runs with Jimmy James in a particularly savage mood with the bat. James' innings of 92 included 7 sixes and four fours and lasted a mere 40 deliveries. In Mukesh's first over, James greeted the new bowler with the first three balls being smashed for 6 and eventually scoring 27 off the over.

While all the fireworks were going on, Shipton was quietly building a substantial innings. James' downfall came with the score at 197 when he was out bowled by Ishiaq, 8 runs short of his maiden Kuwait century.

With James out, Hubara and

in particular Shipton continued the attack on the Hawks bowling. As the over remaining dropped it looked as if Shipton was going to register his first century of the season but finally time beat him and he was left undefeated on 95.

Chris Haseman was the other Hubara unbeaten batsman with 23 not out in a Hubara total of 243 for 3.

With a required run rate of more than 8 an over, Hawks opened their innings with Shiri and Amjad. These two put on 53 before Shiri was out bowled by James for 17. Nine runs later, Amjad was also out, bowled by James for 18.

Required
Hawks were by this time in real trouble with the required run rate. Chris and Ishiaq put on another quick 42 runs until Tony Stein bowled Ishiaq for 23 with the score on 84. With Chris playing a similar role to Shipton's earlier in compiling a good score at one end it was up to Mukesh (23) firstly and Ralph DeNeise to hit out at the Hubara bowling.

The required run rate always made the task a near impossibility but Chris 88 not out and Ralph 45 not out did their best. Hawks were eventually left 21 runs short of a victory.

New York outclass Atlanta

NEW YORK, Jan 15, (AP): Trent Tucker, scoring 18 of his 21 points in an 11-minute span in the first half, led the New York Knicks to their 13th straight home-court victory, 132-122 over the Atlanta Hawks, last night.

The victory raised the Knicks' home record to 16-1 this season, while Hawks lost their third straight and fifth in six games.

Trailing 12-10, the Knicks scored 10 straight points and were never behind again.

Johnny Newman had 18 points for New York, while Cha-

ries Oakley and Mark Jackson added 17 each. Reggie Theus led the Hawks with 22 points and Dominique Wilkins had 21 as Atlanta lost its fourth straight road game.

In other National Basketball Association games last night, New Jersey defeated Indiana 106-97; Houston romped over Dallas 110-98; Portland edged San Antonio 103-99; Cleveland beat Denver 116-104; Golden State routed Utah 131-105 and Seattle defeated Sacramento 102-93.

Lemons cruises to victory

LEMONS won the first event of the KOSA spring racing season on Friday. Six contestants took part in race in light airs. The course was unusual in that the first leg was set to the windward mark, "Hakems Heap," then out of Kuwait by masts via bell buoy.

"Sandcastle" took an unexpectedly early lead but by the first mark had been overtaken by the whole fleet led by "Gambit," with Lemons following closely. "Lemons," helmed by her new owner, Tony Thorncroft, however, soon claimed the lead despite setting her spinnaker upside-down and was first to the next mark.

Extension

Although "Why Not" had fought her way to first position on handicap, it was "Lemons" who rounded masts first in rapidly diminishing winds. A shortening of course and an extension of time limits were made but were measures which proved not enough to prevent a forced abandonment of the race. After return of the boats, spirits were somewhat revived by a barbecue in Shaab clubhouse and it was popularly decided that this would become a regular feature of KOSA's post race activities.

KOSA is preparing for the first overnight passage race for



Lemons won the season opener

several years. The race is on February 16/17 from Shaab to Khiran and is to celebrate the start of Kuwait's national week

Evergreen brush aside Galaxy

EVERGREEN thrashed Galaxy by seven wickets in the semifinals of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy cricket tournament at the Abdulla Salem ground on Thursday.

Galaxy batted first and opened their innings through Ashraf and Bastaki who put on 30 runs before the former was out for only nine runs.

Three runs later, Bastaki was also back in the pavilion after scoring 18. Ghulam Haider remained unbeaten on 51 as Galaxy scored 111 runs for the loss of five wickets in 21 overs.

For Evergreen, Zagir and Dawood took two wickets each, giving away 30 and 16 runs respectively. Shahzad got one wicket.

Inam and Babar scored at will against the Galaxy bowling and took the score to 73 before the former decided to retire after hitting 25 runs.

Babar was out seven runs later after scoring 50. Tahir lasted only four runs but Shabbir remained unbeaten on 23 as Evergreen went past the victory target without any further loss.

Bastaki took both the wickets to fall.

Rajan takes Young Boys past Ashrafs

AN unbeaten century by Rajan helped Young Boys crush Ashrafs in a Bahrain Cricket League match on Friday.

Young Boys slammed 208 runs for six wickets in their allotted 25 overs. Rajan was in tremendous form and remained unbeaten on 126. His knock lasted only 61 balls off which he hit 13 towering sixes.

Ashrafs could only manage 97 for seven in the face of some hostile and accurate bowling. Farouk and Younis got three wickets each for 33 and 19 runs respectively.

Unbeaten
In another match, holders BCC routed Awali by 103 runs in a one-sided tie. An unbeaten 86 by opener Shahid helped the champions to hit 181 for five in 25 overs. Asif Nadeem contributed a fine 43.

Awali caved in meekly and could only score 78 for nine as their batsmen had no answer to the BCC bowling. Shahid took five for 17.

Meanwhile BSC A were skittled out for the lowest total this season by Buchery. BSC scored only 39 runs in reply to Buchery's 130.

Japanese wins 90m ski jump

SAPPORO, Japan, Jan 15, (AP): Klaus Huber of Austria soared 119 metres for the longest jump of the day but finished in sixth place after Japanese ski jumpers, led by Noriaki Kasai, swept the top five spots today in the STV Cup and Rim Cup jump games.

Kasai sailed 114 metres in his first attempt and 107.5 metres in his second to tally 216.0 points and win the 90-metre ski jump competition.

Shared

Akira Higashi, the winner of yesterday's 70-metre jump, picked up 212.0 points after sailing 114 and 106 metres, followed by Sadao Shimizu with 205.5 points after jumps of 105.5 and 109.5 metres.

Japan's Kazuhiro Higashi and Katsushi Taro shared fourth place with 200 points each.

Strange holds on to win Palm Meadows title

GOLD COAST, Australia, Jan 15, (AP): Curtis Strange overcame blustery winds and slow greens to shoot a one-over-par 73 today and hold on to win the \$525,000 Daikyo Palm Meadows Classic golf tournament.

Strange finished the tournament at 8-under-par 280 — two strokes ahead of fellow US golfer Raymond Floyd — and earned \$92,000 for his triumph.

The victory gave Strange the same kind of jump on the 1989 season that he had in 1988.

Last year, Strange won Australia's Sanctuary Cove Classic just up the road from Palm Meadows and went on to become the first player in history to win over \$1 million in a year on the US PGA Tour.

Composure

"I'm starting to like it here in

Australia," he said. Strange kept his composure after a double-bogey seven at the par-5 ninth, where he first found a fairway bunker and then water. He played the last nine holes in regulation to hold off Floyd and Australian Terry Price.

Floyd carded a final round 73 to finish at 282 and earn \$55,080, while Price shot a 74 for a 283 and picked up \$35,190 — the biggest check of his career.

The 28-year-old Australian, who last year failed in a bid to gain a US Tour players' card, only got into the tournament — one of the richest on the Australian circuit — in the qualifying rounds.

The entire field had difficulty in the windy today and in reading the tricky greens on the par-72, 7,013-yard (6,376-metre) Palm Meadows Resort course on the



Strange holds the trophy aloft after his win. (Reuters wirephoto).

gold coast strip of Queensland state.

Only four of the 62 players to make the cut bettered par today — and none of them were among the leaders.

Australian Peter Fowler finished fourth with 284 after a final round 74, while Japan's Isao Aoki (75), US qualifier Jeff Maggert (73) and Australian George Serhan (72) shared fifth place, each ending up with a 285.

"The winds made it difficult for all of us and I found it almost impossible to judge my putts,"

said Aoki.

Strange, 33, felt a 10-foot par putt at the par-4 10th hole turned his game around after the disastrous double bogey on the ninth. "That made the difference," he said. "Golf is a mental game and if Raymond had got level with me there, no telling what he might do."

Floyd trailed Strange by only one shot at the 10th, but dropped shots at the 16

W. INDIES SEEK TO CLINCH SECOND CUP FINAL

Matthews back in Australian team



Matthews returns to the international arena

SYDNEY, Jan 15, (Reuters): Maverick off-spinner Greg Matthews returned to the international arena for the first time for 18 months when he was named today in the squad to play West Indies in the second of the best-of-three World Series Cup finals tomorrow.

Australian captain Allan Border, flushed with his side's thrilling two-run victory in the first final yesterday, has included three spinners in the hope the Sydney Cricket Ground wicket will live up to its reputation as a turner.

In the final preliminary match of the one-day series last Thursday Border and Peter Taylor bowled 20 overs of spin, taking six wickets which sealed West Indies' defeat.

Matthews has not played for Australia since an off-the-field incident on a short tour of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates led to him being dropped for the 1987 World Cup which Australia won.

Matthews, added to the existing squad, has been in form with bat rather than ball this season for New South Wales.

But the return of the man who often disco dances in the outfield to maintain spectator interest will be rapturously received by his home crowd in Sydney where he is a folk hero.

After struggling in the Test series, which West Indies lead 3-0, Australia have undergone a renaissance in the one-day games and are now firm favourites to retain the crown they won against New Zealand and Pakistan last year.

The narrowness of West Indies' defeat disguises the fact they were inferior in most sectors of the game. Only another outstanding performance by Curtly Ambrose prevented a much heavier loss.

Ambrose took five for 26 as Australia were restricted to 204 for nine and then rescued his side from 148 for eight with a spirited 48-run partnership with Ian

Bishop. West Indies scored 202 for nine off their 50 overs.

Most ominous for West Indies was the return to form of Border who hit his highest one-day score for nearly two years, 78 off 103 balls.

"It was nice to get among the runs again. I just hope it continues," said Border, whose success with the ball has worked wonders for his confidence.

West Indies captain Viv Richards admitted he was concerned after his side's fourth consecutive defeat but said they would come out fighting in Sydney.

"We are not going to lie down and die. I still believe we can pick ourselves up. We have to get the boys in the right frame of mind again and turn things round," he said.

Richards might be tempted to include off-spinner Roger Harper instead of Carl Hooper or one of the pace bowlers, but the side which played in the first final still looks the best available.

South Africa threatens more rebel tours

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 15, (Reuters): South Africa will organise more rebel cricket tours of this country, a leading sports official was quoted as saying today.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the South African Cricket Union, told the Johannesburg Sunday Times that international efforts to ban players who maintain sporting links with South Africa were childish.

"We will continue to have tours, rebel or otherwise, because cricket needs them," Bacher told the Times.

"We will use them to further our development programme for all races, because it is here where our cricket heart lies," he was quoted as saying.

Outlaw
The prospect of England, who have faced mounting criticism over the last decade to outlaw players who maintain sporting links with South Africa, agreeing to a four-year ban on such individuals emerged in a report from the English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to the 17 English first-class playing counties on Friday.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC) meets at Lord's on Jan 23 to discuss the issue.

White South Africans are accustomed to being in sporting limbo because of the country's apartheid race laws. They say efforts to reinforce that isolation are unfair because major efforts have been made to desegregate sport here.

"England have had a gun put to their head. Obviously they are trying to salvage their own cricket," said former Nottinghamshire skipper Clive Rice, who is currently captain of Transvaal.

Proposed
South Africa's efforts to attract world class foreign athletes here, usually by offering large financial rewards, have had mixed results.

Last year a proposed rebel rugby union tour collapsed ignominiously at the last minute because not enough foreign players could be found to form a team.

In Karachi, a Pakistani cricket official said he was confident England would agree to an international ban on players who have sporting links with South Africa.

"I am sure England will do the right thing," said Arif Abbasi, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan.

Kaosai keeps WBA crown

BANGKOK, Jan 15, (Reuters): Thailand's Kaosai Galaxy retained his World Boxing Association junior-bantamweight title today when he stopped South Korean challenger Chang Tae-II two minutes into the second round.

The 31-year-old champion floored Chang with a powerful left to the jaw to make short work of his ninth defence of the title he won in November 1984.

Prono

Japanese referee Asao Kazanobu stopped counting as a wobbly Chang struggled to his feet after lying prone on the canvas for several seconds.

The fourth-ranked contender had displayed good footwork in an even first round when he attacked the Thai with effective combinations.

Schneider scores 5th slalom victory

GRINDELWALD, Switzerland, Jan 15, (AP): Vreni Schneider of Switzerland overcame a spill today and won her fifth World Cup slalom race, keeping her winning streak alive.

Schneider, who suffered a slight shoulder dislocation in a spill during an early-morning warmup run, ripped through the second heat to win the race in a total time of one minute, 22.87 seconds.

Gained
US veteran Tamara McKinney, fourth after the first heat, gained in the second leg to finish second in 1:23.75, nearly one second behind the Swiss star.

Monika Maierhofer of Austria, Schneider's chief rival in the slalom this winter, finished third in 1:23.98.

It was the 10th win in 17 events this season for Schneider. She has won all five slaloms, four giant slaloms and a combination.

The 24-year-old Swiss, the 1988 Olympic slalom champion, extended her now virtually



Schneider (centre) with McKinney (right) and Maierhofer after the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

unbeatable lead in the season's overall Cup standings, where she has a total of 257 points.

Schneider was eighth after the first heat in the morning, but only 0.36 seconds behind first-heat

leader Patricia Chauvet of France.

With the top 15 racers from the first heat starting in reverse order, Schneider's aggressive run through the 49-gate second leg

put pressure on the remaining racers.

Schneider's best time was more than one second faster than those of her closest competitors. Chauvet and Spain's Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa, second-fastest in the 47-gate first heat, both blew their chances for a podium spot with nervous, choppy runs in the second heat.

Brigitte Oertli of Switzerland won the combination, a "paper race" coupling the results of the slalom with those of a downhill run last Thursday at Grindelwald.

Failed

For Schneider, the victory was a comeback after a slight slump.

Yesterday, she failed to finish a race for the first time this season when she missed a gate in a super-G race at Grindelwald. She skipped downhill on the previous two days because of a slight cold.

Swiss women have won all races this season except two super-G events captured by Carole Merle of France.

Inter survive Napoli onslaught

ROME, Jan 15, (Reuters): Italian League leaders Internazionale of Milan survived unrelenting pressure to keep their unbeaten record and take a precious point in a 0-0 draw at second-placed Napoli today.

The skill of goalkeeper Walter Zenga and the intervention of the crossbar salvaged a draw for Inter in the top match of the season to leave them three clear of Napoli on 23 points from 13 matches.

Hard
Much of the game was played in Inter's half with Napoli, led by an outstanding Diego Maradona and cheered on by more than 80,000 fans, pushing hard for the elusive goal.

Zenga parried a header from Brazil's Careca, the League's top scorer, after 14 minutes and twice saved powerful shots from Argentine World Cup captain Maradona.

But Napoli's nearest miss

came in the second half when a shot from 20 metres by midfielder Fernando de Napoli hit the crossbar.

Juventus dropped to fourth place, losing 2-1 at a resurgent Fiorentina, only the second team to beat them this season.

Sampdoria replaced Juventus in third with a 1-0 win at Pescara but are five points behind Inter.

Portuguese midfielder Rui Barros put Juventus 1-0 up after 33 minutes with a header from a cross by Alexander Zavarov.

But Fiorentina were level seven minutes later when Roberto Baggio scored a penalty and clinched the match on the stroke of full time with a header from Stefano Borgonovo.

Striker Gianluca Vialli scored Sampdoria's winner after 38 minutes.

AC Milan and Dutch star Ruud Gullit helped his side return to a semblance of the form that won them the League title

last season with a 4-0 rout of Como at a fog-shrouded San Siro stadium. But they are nine points adrift of the leaders in the seventh place.

Gullit set up the first goal after just two minutes — a header from European Footballer of the Year and fellow Dutchman Marco van Basten — and scored himself with a solo run in the 63rd.

Pietro Paolo Virdis struck the third from the penalty spot before Como obliged with an own goal.

Clash

Sixth-placed Roma fell 1-0 to newly-promoted Lazio in the first local clash between the Italian capital's teams for four seasons. Paolo di Canio scored after 25 minutes.

Police said one fan was stabbed in street fighting before the match but there were no reports of trouble inside the Olympic stadium.

Neves faces lengthy ban

LISBON, Jan 15, (Reuters): Benfica midfielder Hernani Neves faces a lengthy ban from soccer following the discovery of traces of cocaine in his urine during a routine post-match test, the Portuguese League leaders said today.

The 25-year-old international tested positive after playing in Benfica's 2-0 victory over Sporting last month and a second test on the same sample confirmed the result, club doctor Bernardo Vasconcelos said.

Involved

"This unfortunate case has nothing to do with banned medical products. The cocaine-based drug involved is taken purely for psychological effects," Vasconcelos said.

Possession of cocaine is illegal and Antero Silva Resende, president of the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF), said the police had been notified of the case.



Foster (left) and Kingdom go over the first hurdle. (Reuters wirephoto)

Joyner-Kersey wins hurdles at Dallas GP

DALLAS, Jan 15, (Reuters): Double Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey, who passed up the heptathlon and long jump in favour of the high hurdles, easily won over 55 metres at the Dallas Indoor Grand Prix athletics meet yesterday.

Joyner-Kersey, heptathlon world record holder, outclassed the competition in the 55 metres hurdles with a time of 7.41 seconds. Fellow American Linda Tolbert was second in 7.74.

Leap

Olympic champions Louise Ritter and Joe Deloach and two-time world champion Greg Foster also came up winners yesterday.

Ritter, who grew up just 20 miles (32km) south of Dallas, won the women's high jump with a leap of 1.89 metres.

Foster edged out rival Roger Kingdom in the men's 55 metres hurdles by a nose. They both clocked 7.06 seconds.

Foster, who was unable to compete in Seoul after breaking his arm while training for the Olympics, said he was happy with his recovery.

"I'm doing everything as well as I did before. The arms healed back as well as I could hope, even though there are six plates and twelve screws in it," Foster said.

Kingdom won the gold medal in Seoul but was livid after losing in Dallas.

"I'm king of this kingdom and this kingdom is the hurdles, indoors and out," Kingdom said. "He's dead beat, plain and simple. I'm going to bust him."

Twenty-one-year-old Texan Deloach, who beat training mate Carl Lewis in Seoul for the 200 metres gold medal, won the men's 300 metres here with a time of 33.57 seconds.

Throw

Olympic shot silver medalist Randy Barnes thrilled the crowd with a meet record throw of 71 feet 10 inches (21.89 metres) — the seventh best indoor throw in history.

Mary Decker Slaney, competing in her first indoor meet in four years, came away with a comfortable victory in the 800 metres in 2:02.87. Essie Washington was second with a 2:04.58.

Brazil capture world five-a-side soccer title

AMSTERDAM, Jan 15, (Reuters): Brazil became the first world five-a-side soccer champions today after a 2-1 victory over hosts the Netherlands.

The South Americans were clearly on winning form from the start with Benatti scoring their first goal in the 11th minute.

A somewhat subdued home crowd of 4,000 in Rotterdam's Ahoy Stadium had to wait until the second half for the Dutch to recover the fighting spirit which helped them topple the previously unbeaten United States in yesterday's semifinals.

Slammed

In the 44th minute Marcel Loosveld equalised for the Netherlands but three minutes later Brazil's Raul slammed home the winning goal.

The United States took third place and the Belgians came fourth after a closely fought 3-2 contest, with the deciding goal coming from Peter Vermes in the last minute of extra time.

Yesterday the Dutch top-

pled the unbeaten United States 2-1, while the Brazilians reached the final by winning a penalty shoot-out 8-6 against Belgium following a 3-3 draw.

To the delight of the home crowd of 2,000, the Dutch side recovered their true form after last Thursday's disappointing 2-1 defeat by Belgium.

Vic Hermans was the Dutch hero, scoring both goals, before Jim Gaberra pulled one back shortly before the end.

Belgium dominated the first half of their match, Luc Reul slotting in the first goal, and it was not until after half-time that Raul equalised for the South Americans.

But four more goals and the most exciting phase came in the 10 minutes of extra time.

Cadinho put Brazil ahead but Rudi Shreurs quickly brought Belgium back on terms. Benatti followed promptly with a third goal for Brazil, only for Eric Maes to equalise and set up the penalty competition.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Egypt triumph

CAIRO, Jan 15, (KUNA): Egypt's national football team today beat Kuwait 1-0 in a friendly match, played at the Cairo stadium in front of 95,000 fans. The only goal of the match, marking the retirement of Zamalek striker Farouk Ismael, was scored by Mohamed Abdul Jalil in the 37th minute of the first half.

Real draw

VALENCIA, Spain, Jan 15, (Reuters): Spanish soccer league champions Real Madrid struggled to force a 1-1 draw at Valencia yesterday, but stayed top of the First Division.

Pole vault

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan 15, (Reuters): Soviet world record holder Sergei Bubka won an indoor pole vault contest here yesterday, but the winning clearance of 5.70 metres was well short of his own best.

Marathon race

MARRAKESH, Jan 15, (UPI): Jean Weys of Belgium weathered the high-noon sun of the Grand Atlas mountains today to beat a field of 4,500 to win the Marrakesh marathon in 2 hours 15 minutes 49 seconds, just one second outside the course record.

Tomba upset

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Jan 15, (AP): West Germany's Armin Bittner captured a World Cup slalom race here today, upsetting Italy's Alberto Tomba, the double Olympic gold medalist.

British soccer

LONDON, Jan 15, (Reuters): Results of British soccer match played today: English Division One: Tottenham 1 Nottingham Forest 2 (half-time 1-2) Goalscorers: Tottenham — Chris Waddle (45th minute) Nottingham Forest — Gary Parker (32) Nigel Clough (33).

Nordic event

NOVE MESTO, Czechoslovakia, Jan 15, (AP): Sweden's Gunne Svan won a 30-kilometre (18.5-mile) Nordic ski cross-country event today and widened his lead in World Cup standings after six races this season, the official CTK News Agency reported.

Serrano wins

ELGOIBAR, Spain, Jan 15, (AP): Antonio Serrano of Spain won the 46th International Memorial Juan Meguerza Cross-country Race today, defeating more than 100 entrants from four countries.

Overall lead

REIT IM WINKL, West Germany, Jan 15, (AP): Trond Arne Bredesen of Norway clinched the lead in overall Nordic Combined World Cup standings by winning the season's fourth event today.

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday, Jan 8:
1st: Chris Bastiere & Suzanne Cattermole
2nd: Dona Maternay & Margaret Maynard
Results of game played yesterday:
1st: Dona Maternay & Nicole Iskander
2nd: Camille Sawabini & Houda Tamm
3rd: Diane Falk & Gill White

New-look United revive 30-year-old memories

LONDON, Jan 15, (Reuters): Early days perhaps, but the Ferguson fledglings of Manchester United may be poised to soar away.

The emergence of so many youngsters at the same time has brought back memories of those Busby Babes of the 1950s.

The Babes were the brilliant young men who under manager Matt Busby brought so much success to the club, only for it to be cruelly curtailed by the Munich air disaster of 1958.

Now, under manager Alex Ferguson, a new generation has emerged, with seven of the current first team squad under the age of 20.

Blooded
An injury crisis involving such seasoned internationals as Paul McGrath, Viv Anderson, Norman Whiteside and Bryan Robson has meant several players have had to be blooded before their time.

But after yesterday's 3-0 demolition of high-flying Millwall, United have climbed to sixth in the First Division.

They also look the sort of club to do well in this season's FA Cup if they can beat Queen's Park Rangers in their third round second replay.

League honours last came United's way in 1967. The FA Cup was last won in 1985.

The fledglings have figured impressively in recent games, but behind their success story lies the sad tale of a young star who was the first to impress Ferguson when he arrived at Old Trafford in November 1986.

Nicky Wood, 22-year-old striker, has been forced to quit the game because of a back injury.

Ferguson gave Wood a four-year contract and he looked destined for stardom, quitting university to concentrate on soccer.

Wood made his First Division debut against Nottingham Forest and then scored one of United's goals in their next game, a 3-2 win over Oxford.

Ferguson said: "It is a tragic blow for the boy. He has had a back problem for two years and had an operation which kept him out of the game for a year."

"The specialist now says there is no cure and he recommended he must stop playing or do irreparable damage."

Life at Old Trafford, of course, must go on and United's future could be very rosy if their crop of youngsters continues to improve.

Names such as defenders Tony Gill, Lee Martin and Lee Sharpe, midfielder Guisano Majorana and strikers Mark Robins and Demol Graham may soon be all



Beardsmore

too familiar. Sharpe is 17, Gill is 20, the rest are 19. Another midfielder who is already doing well is Russel Beardsmore who is 20.

United coach Brian Whitehouse said: "I fell very proud of



Sharpe

the boys. I have never seen so many young players coming through to first-team standard at the same time."

Graham scored in only his second full game in the drawn

first replay at QPR on Wednesday. Gill, who has played in United's last three games, grabbed the other against QPR and also scored against Millwall yesterday.

United still have mountains to climb. They trail leaders and title favourites Arsenal by 13 points and defeat at Highbury next weekend would surely put out their championship light for this season at least.

Arsenal have faltered before, although their 3-1 win at Everton on Saturday was achieved with little fuss.

Exit
The success went a long way to atoning for their surprise FA Cup exit at the hands of West Ham on Wednesday.

Likewise, Coventry City, humiliated by non-League Sutton United a week ago, bounced back to win 2-1 at second-placed Norwich.

Coventry moved into third ahead of Millwall and Liverpool, the latter coming from two goals down to draw 2-2 at Sheffield Wednesday.

In Scotland, Glasgow Rangers shook off Aberdeen's challenge to maintain their leadership of the Premier League.

A 2-1 away win kept them ahead, one point in front of Dundee United, who won 5-0 at Hamilton.

Pakistan outclass Spain

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 15, (Reuters): Defending champions Pakistan lived up to their reputation by easily beating Spain, while Kenya held an off-form India to a draw in the Indira Gandhi Cup men's hockey tournament today.

Pakistan defeated Spain 2-0 and India and Kenya played a scoreless draw in a tie which was postponed from yesterday because of the late arrival of the African team.

In a match where a youthful Pakistani forward line sparked with speed and ball control, Spain were forced on the defensive from the start. The first goal came through a penalty corner which Anjum Saeed converted by pushing in a pass from Qazi Mohib in the second minute.

Qazi Mohib himself scored in the 28th minute.

Pakistan maintained their domination in the second half through the dazzling play of forward Shahbaz Ahmed, but could not score, mainly due to team mate Arif Bhopali's errors near Spain's goal.

In the other match, India failed to subdue Kenya despite forcing nine penalty corners and one penalty stroke.



Shahbaz Ahmed

Kenyan goalkeeper Paul Sewomay kept out powerful shots from Indian captain M.P. Singh and effected a spectacular save in the second half by flinging himself to the right to stop Sunit Kumar's scoop off a penalty stroke.

The stroke was awarded against Kenyan defender Komotieno Odemier for bringing down forward Idris Latif.

Standings (tablets under played, won, drawn, lost, points):

draws, lost, points):					
Group A					
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	2
Spain	1	0	0	1	0
Malaysia	1	0	0	1	0
Group B					
Soviet Union	1	0	1	0	1
Poland	1	0	1	0	1
India	1	0	1	0	1
Kenya	1	0	1	0	1

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